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BMV closes for Election Day

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will close all license branches and administrative offices Tuesday May 4 in observance of Primary Election Day. License branches and administrative offices will reopen on May 5 for normal business hours.

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Luncheon to celebrate 10 years

The Indiana Minority Health Coalition and the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus will host their 10th Anniversary Luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Michael Eric Dyson.

Dyson is a humanities professor at Penn State who is a best-selling author and nationally renowned advocate of Black history education.

The event will be April 30 with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the luncheon from 11 to 1:30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel's Grand Ballroom downtown.

Mistress of Ceremony will be Angela Cain, Community Affairs Director for WTHR News (Channel 13).

For more information contact Bridget Williams at (317) 926-4011.

Charter school luncheon

The Greater Educational Opportunities will host the Jump Starting the Charter School Movement luncheon on May 4 at 11:30 a.m. as part of National Charter Schools Week. Dr. Bryan Hassel will detail lessons learned by business leaders and philanthropists since charter schools were born in 1991.

The luncheon is designed for Indiana philanthropists who want to learn more about the charter schools movement and the impact it is making for all Hoosier children and families.

The event will be at Union Station, 301 S. Meridian St., Suite 200.

Mental health education conference

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is holding their Faith CEP mental health education conference "Mending the Mind and Minding the Soul" for clergy and congregational leaders May 4 at North United Methodist Church on 3808 N. Meridian St. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Clergy, youth pastors, education directors, parish nurses, counselors, care group leaders and religious leaders of all faith traditions are invited to attend.

The cost to pre-register is \$20 for non-NAMI members, \$12 for NAMI members. Walk-ins are \$45 for non-members and \$20 for members. To register call (317) 299-4570.

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2004 INDIANA PRIMARY ELECTION



On Tuesday, voters will select their party's nominees Primary winners will run in fall election

Staff Report

Politicians locally and nationally are letting their voices be heard now more than ever as Tuesday's primary election nears.

Indiana voters will be able to cast their votes for candidates vying for both state and local offices. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Following is information on candidates running in key congressional, school boards and county level and state representatives and state senators. Below The Recorder has provided a list candidates that will be running for public office.

U.S. House of Representatives

District 5
Democrats:
Mike Brinegar
Katherine Fox Carr

Republicans:
Dan Burton
George Thomas Holland
Victor Dean Wakley

District 7
Democrats:
Julia Carson
Bob Hidalgo

Republicans:
Bob Croddy
Andrew Horning

County Level

Marion County Coroner
Kenneth Ackles (Democrat)
Richard Lucht (Republican)

Marion County Surveyor
Edward Cantwell (Democrat)
Mary Barton (Democrat)
Jack Irwin (Republican)

Marion County Treasurer
Mike Rodman (Democrat)
Monty Combs (Republican)

State Level (Marion County Only)

State Senator

District 25
Jeb Bardon (Democrat)
Dennis Foreman (Republican)

District 30
(No Democratic Opponent)
Teresa Lubbers

District 32
Kenneth C. Kern (Democrat)
Patricia L. Miller (Republican)

District 33
Glenn L. Howard (Democrat)
(No Republican Opponent)

District 34
Billie J. Breaux (Democrat)
(No Republican Opponent)

District 35
Harvey Knox (Democrat)
R. Michael Young (Republican)

Indiana House Districts (Marion County Only)

District 86
Emily M. Everitt (Democrat)
David Orentlicher (Democrat)
Mort Large (Republican)
Andy Miller (Republican)

District 88
Brian C. Bosma (Republican)
(No Democratic Opponent)

District 89
Michael A. Batz (Republican)
Lawrence L. Buell (Republican)

District 90
Brian K. Canter (Republican)
Stephen M. Maple (Republican)
Michael B. Murphy (Republican)

District 91
Robert W. Behning (Republican)
(No Democratic Opponent)

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Volunteers of America still serving after 108 years

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Volunteers of America of Indiana does more than just serve the needs of people in the community; they give them hope and a new outlook on life.

Their mission is to reach and uplift people and bring them to the knowledge and active service of God. They measure the success of the 108-year-old organization by the positive changes that has been seen in the lives of individuals and communities that they serve with their programs.

The latest venture is a new building at 927 N. Pennsylvania St., for the Theodora House, which will begin renovations on May 3 to support 80 women transitioning from the criminal justice system.

"We've been doing correction programs for the last 15 years. We're currently serving 40 women in our facility on Capitol and when the new building opens these women will move into the new building and we'll have space for 40 more women," said Debi

Marshall, division director of public relations for Volunteers of America of Indiana. "This facility will serve just women. We're hoping to be in the building by the beginning of August. When we move the 40 women it will open spaces for more men in the building."

Tim Campbell, president and CEO added, "Women are the fastest growing population in the U.S. prison system. This program will be one of a kind in the nation and will impact our community in positive ways."

Before there was the Theodora House there was Brownstone Manor, a 51-unit apartment complex in Terre Haute that houses low-income, elderly individuals. There was also A Child's Haven, Indiana's first supervised courthouse waiting room. It was designed for care givers that needed to utilize Marion County domestic courts.

Scholastic Books is another ► See VOLUNTEERS, Page A3



Mary Leffer, division director of women's services, and Tim Campbell, president and CEO, make remarks during the Volunteers of America of Indiana wall breaking event celebrating the start of renovations to Theodora House women's center.

Expo releases annual report

Staff Report

Indiana Black Expo released its 2003 Annual Report on Wednesday. The purpose of the annual report is to update the public on social and economic developments in the African American community. The report highlights the progress, improvements and community support IBE has

initiated over the last year. Also included in the program are updates on IBE's two premier events, Summer Celebration and Circle City Classic, as well as its other services and programs throughout the year.

For additional information or to view the report visit their Web site at www.indianablackexpo.com.

Local mother fights to get ill son out of isolation

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer



Debra Thompson has spent three years looking for the right wheelchair for her son, Miguel so he would be able to enjoy activities outside of the family's house. Currently bedridden, Miguel spends much of his time reading and playing video games. (Photo/J. Hurst)

An Indianapolis woman is upset that her disabled son has gone without a wheelchair for almost three years. And she's pointing the finger of responsibility at many individuals who work in both the public and private sectors of the community.

Debra Thompson, a single mother of two, recently shared with The Recorder that her son, 16-year-old Miguel Thompson, has been bedridden for a long time because, she says, a wheelchair that's able to fit his physical needs has been withheld.

Miguel, who has been suffering from Duchenne's muscular dystrophy since birth, lost his ability to walk at the age of 8 and a power wheelchair was required for him in order to keep his mobility. But five years later as

Miguel's condition began to deteriorate further, the first wheelchair became uncomfortable and ill fitting.

Miguel was evaluated by Riley Hospital for Children in early 2001 and results of that evaluation indicated that he needed a new wheelchair with an elevator seat to help him access different surface heights and participate in classroom environments, a seating system, rear anti-tippers, and other features such as a power tilt system that would enable him to shift his weight independently (because of rapid weight loss he was no longer able to sit in his wheelchair evenly).


In a written evaluation Dr. Judy Atkins, OTR, a Clarian Health professional, wrote, "Miguel requires this wheelchair in order to be out of bed, attend school, be independently mobile and be transported. Without the pur-

chase of this equipment safety as well as function are extremely compromised."

Debra Thompson moved quickly to get her son an updated wheelchair through Medicaid funding (the average family cannot afford to come out of pocket for such customized wheelchairs, which usually run a little over \$20,000.) She was referred to Hamilton's Assistive Technology Services, one of four companies who provide wheelchairs and rehabilitation equipment in the Indianapolis area.

In October 2001, Hamilton agreed to provide the wheelchair with the features outlined in the medical evaluation. But Thompson said the wheelchair was put together sloppily by a Hamilton employee and was fitted with the wrong base and no shocks. Th-

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Local Contractor Goes Crazy... And Gives Away \$22,000

(Spring season creates opportunity for Indianapolis area Homeowners...)

Twenty-two local home owners are able to buy a new Deluxe central air conditioner and heating system with no money down and get a check for \$1,000*.

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District 92
Phil Hinkle (Republican)
(No Democratic Opponent)

District 93
David M. Frizzell (Republican)
(No Democratic Opponent)

District 94
Carolene Mays (Democrat)
Shane Brinkman (Republican)

District 95
Mae Dickinson (Democrat)
Lyman Tex Black (Republican)

District 96
Gregory W. Porter (Democrat)
Brian Jessen (Republican)

District 97
Edmund Mahern (Democrat)
Roxanne Butler (Republican)
Matt Smith (Republican)

District 98
William "Bill" Crawford (Democrat)
(No Republican Opponent)

District 99
Vanessa Summers (Democrat)
Jeff Davies (Republican)

District 100
John J. Day (Democrat)
(No Republican Opponent)

Indianapolis Public Schools:

Marianna R. Zaphiriou
District 1 (Unopposed)
Occupation: Research technician, Riley Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Indiana University School of Medicine.
Political experience: Served on School Board for eight years.
Goals: Raise student achievement, closing the achievement gap and promoting further technological upgrades of IPS facilities. Calls for more strategic planning between parents, students and education professionals.

Mary E. Busch
District 2 (Unopposed)
Occupation: Director University/Communication Bridge Program and professor of education, University of Indianapolis.
Political experience: Has served 28 years on the School Board.
Goals: Lobby legislative bodies to ensure that IPS initiatives have adequate funding. Will continue to strive for more diversity among teachers, increased academic achievement, more parental involvement and promote full day kindergarten and provide structured learning environments for children early in the process of development.

Donald Payton
District 4 (opposed in primary)
Occupation: No response.
Political experience: A School Board member for 20 years, retired in February. Name will appear on the May 4 ballot.
Issues: No response

Wanda "Diane" Arnold
District 4 (opposed in primary)
Occupation: Executive director of Hawthorne Community Center.
Political experience: Appointed to School Board in March. Running first election campaign as a write-in candidate whose name must be written on the ballot.
Goals: Wants to ensure that all children have the support needed to achieve academic success. Promises to focus on the impact of charter schools on the IPS system, the "small" schools initiative and overturning of the court-ordered desegregation (busing) order.

Clarke C. Campbell
At-large Candidate
Occupation: Attorney.
Political experience: First elected to the School Board in 2000.
Goals: Would like to see IPS raise overall student achievement, while also closing the achievement gap. Plans to seek stronger integration of math and reading fundamentals into the IPS curriculum.

Franklin Township:
David "Mark" Bowell
Job description: President, DMB Marketing & Management Inc.
Field related experience: Incumbent vice president, Franklin Township School Board.
Issues: Academic achievement and learning environment, literacy remains an area of concern; I support added emphasis on a comprehensive literacy initiative.

Matthew Hamner
Job description: Police officer (Indianapolis), small business owner (landscaping).
Field related experience: None.
Issues: Accountability, school boards need to be available and concerned - my home number and e-mail will be published so that I can be there when issues arise; lead the way by listening to the problems, complaints and issues of the people.

Geoffrey W. Horen
Age: 32.
Residence: 7420 Broadmead Drive, Indianapolis.
Occupation: Chief executive of residential remodeling company, The Lifestyle Group Inc.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Need for independent thinking from all board members; first priority will be to bring independent thinking to the process.

Phillip E. Shambaugh
Occupation: Agent, registered representative, Farm Bureau Insurance.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Transportation. Due to state budget cuts and increasing student enrollment, this is a real concern, so boards in the state need to collectively lobby for relief through state representatives.

Peggy D. Skidmore
Occupation: Owner Heaven to Eleven Child Care Inc.
Political experience: School Board incumbent, 12 years.
Issues: Enrollment, district added 417 additional students, creating crowded classrooms and large teaching loads;

anticipate future needs by obtaining enrollment projections through demographic studies; watch the budget carefully, setting aside enough money for new construction.

Lawrence Township:
Eric Barnes
District: 1.
Did not respond.

Susie Davie
District: 1.
Occupation: Executive director, Martin Center Inc.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Reduction of state and federal funding; Lobby the state for additional funding. Submit grants for specific programs. Review the present structure to make sure we are using our resources properly. Also review the possibility of combining areas or functions.
Lack of parental involvement: Make our schools an educational center and more parent-friendly. Have meetings with parents in the neighborhoods.

Edward Stone
District: 3.
Occupation: Midwestern regional sales manager, MetLife Long Term Care Brokerage.
Political experience: None.
Issues: School finances: My professional background in finance and employee benefits would be helpful when the board has to deal with personnel costs and tight budgets. My years on the finance committee of the township's School Council have helped me fully understand the district's challenges.

Lori S. Petrucci
District: At-Large.
Occupation: Volunteer and at-home parent.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Continued reduction in funding for schools: With limited school funding, it is important that funded programs are routinely evaluated for effectiveness.
In the last four years, Lawrence Township has dropped from first to fourth among Indianapolis township school districts in passing rates of the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus. It is time for our School Board and township leadership to make adjustments to address students' changing needs.

J. Kevin Turner
District: At large.
Occupation: Business development, Turner Construction Company.
Political experience: Lawrence Township School Board, 1996-present.
Issues: Financial management: Our district's growth - combined with funding shortfalls for the general fund, transportation, "English language learners" and special education - continues to be a hardship requiring cutbacks and fewer services.

Pike Township
Margaret Ann Booth
Occupation: Retired teacher, Pike Township schools.
Political experience: Elected Pike Township School Board, 1996-present.
Issues: Budget challenges mean finding ways to trim programs with least impact on children; academic excellence, including full-day kindergarten, middle school rigor, freshman center and International Baccalaureate program; change and challenges, both students and faculty will be impacted by the budget constraints and new academic expectations; district needs to provide time, a sympathetic climate and stability to become more comfortable with the new format.

John Brown
Occupation: Regional sales manager, Pfister.
Political experience: None.
Issues: School funding, will look critically at budget and be willing to make hard choices to ensure best education; quality teachers and administrators, must have the best-trained and motivated teachers in the state; administrators and teachers must come together in a common vision of what is best for all children; communication with the community, promote success stories of schools through the community.

Brian Kaplan
Occupation: Multimedia designer and developer, The Academic Edge Inc.
Political experience: None.
Issues: School board assigned committees to help establish board policies and made up of parents, teachers, administrators, students and other community members; all groups must be allowed to present recommendations to the board; open communication, seek input from all members of the community; it is unfortunate that these valuable resources are often wasted instead of encouraged to help generate new ideas.

Larry Metzler
Occupation: Plumbing contractor, Metzler Plumbing Co.
Political experience: Pike School Board, 1996 to present.
Issues: Budgetary restraints and doing the best within the confines of an ever-restricting budget; Pike's excellent teachers are the best resource to ensure the quality of education, and the board and administrators must reach a quality labor agreement with our staff while protecting the budget.

Wayne Moore
Residence: 3341 Lindel Lane, Indianapolis.
Did not respond to questionnaire or phone calls.

John Newton
Occupation: Assistant principal, Carmel High School.
Political experience: Elected to Pike School Board in 2000.
Issues: Student achievement and preparing students for post-educational opportunities; ISTEP scores have made significant gains from last year to the present, and we have moved from the bottom of the pack in area schools to the middle and next we are expected to climb closer to the top.

Nancy Poore
Occupation: Attorney and stay-at-home parent.
Political experience: None.

Issues: State budget crunch having adverse impact on all districts; urge that budget-driven cuts should be defined as temporary; with recorded plans outlined to restore programming when cuts compromise our quality of education; Pike's leadership must shift focus; rapid change has compelled our leaders to focus on design, construction, redistricting, and hiring new staff and some areas of concern have been delayed or neglected.

Deborah Williams
Occupation: Assistant principal, Indianapolis Public Schools.
Political experience: None.
Issues: School achievement, ensure implementation of programs that will serve the needs of all students (special education, regular education, and gifted); communication, bring together and encourage involvement of parents, community residents and area businesses to work with students, educators, and administrators toward the common goal of guiding student success; finances; maximize resources in the best interest of the students.

Washington Township
Loretta J. Conner
District: 1.
Occupation: Public health nurse, Marion County Department of Health.
Political experience: Washington Township School Board, 2000-present.
Issues: No Child Left Behind Act, without needing funding: Continue to work on getting legislators to be sensitive to the issue and understand what schools can and cannot do depends on funding.

Rick Sutton
District: 1.
Occupation: Realtor and real estate consultant.
Political experience: Washington Township School Board, 1988-1992.
Issues: Referendum pledge: The 2003 referendum included a not-so-subtle pledge to not raise taxes in other areas. Our overwhelming referendum success was largely based on that pledge, which cannot be broken absent an emergency. Taxpayer support and trust are essential to the district's ongoing support; Budgetary priorities: The board must use existing revenue in a way that maximizes every dollar. Classroom needs must prevail over all other priorities.

Robert Taylor
District: 2.
Occupation: Dentist.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Communication: There must be good communication with students, teachers, staff, school administrators, parents, district administrators, superintendent, School Board, residents and businesses; Strategic planning: This vital area must be openly discussed and involve the community.

Lori Schlabach
District: 3.
Occupation: Homemaker and volunteer.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Serving a more diverse student body: Some students are ready to soar and need extra challenges and enrichment, but more and more children have behavioral and developmental needs that require extra attention. We can address this challenge by providing our teachers with the needed resources and training.

Wayne Township
Bob Britt
Occupation: Retired teacher/administrator in Wayne Township.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Not enough money to fund education; not enough support for students not reaching their potential; low reading and mathematics skills.

Shirley Deckard
Occupation: Substitute teacher.
Political experience: Wayne Township School Board, incumbent and past president; precinct committeeman, 22 years; vice-ward chairman, six years.
Issues: Increased student achievement; adequate funding/unfunded mandates; community involvement.

Phyllis Lewis
Occupation: Registered nurse.
Political experience: Wayne Township School Board, incumbent.
Issues: Funding; continued emphasis on student achievement, equity and accountability; community partnerships which support and strengthen our educational system.

Patricia J. Logan
Occupation: Small business owner.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Taxpayers money; to promote literacy, which is key to success in school and in life; promote more parental involvement and communication.

John Patterson
Occupation: Retired school administrator.
Political experience: Wayne Township School Board, incumbent, 18 years.
Issues: Stress the value of student achievement; full-day kindergarten; the importance of reading.

Tony Schaffer
Occupation: Chief deputy.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Student and staff safety; resources; meeting the needs of all students.

Alfred L. Stout
Occupation: Retired.
Political experience: Wayne Township School Board, incumbent, 21 years and served as secretary, vice president and president; currently vice president.
Issues: Raising achievement/academics; budget; airport authority acquiring property in Wayne Township and removing it from tax township tax base.

Olgen Williams
Occupation: Executive director.
Political experience: None.
Issues: Safety of student and staff members; the Indiana federal court's overturning of desegregation that will allow East District students to return to IPS; ISTEP scores and GQE testing.

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VOLUNTEERS

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program made possible through a national partnership with Scholastic Inc. Volunteers of America receives and distributes new books to local children at community and health fairs, hospitals and clinics, and to local police and fire departments.

"We operate programs for the homeless and disabled veterans. We have a contract with the Veterans Administration and they provide the funds for us to serve the clients that they send to us," said Marshall. "We also do drug and alcohol treatment counseling and with this program we look for clients that are in our programs as well as individuals who can come in off the street."

MOTHER

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Thompson claimed that when she approached Hamilton about implementing the correct base, company owners refused.

"I spoke with them about why they didn't get the right base and they told me it was too expensive," she said. "I presented the possibility of them maybe doing a tax write off, but they rejected this idea. After a year of repeated requests they finally told me to take it or leave it."

Jim Coddle, Hamilton's chief operating officer, said the company was not prepared to discuss details of the case for legal reasons. But he did express irony at the fact that the worker Thompson accused of doing a poor job building the wheelchair is an active member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"This company has been in business since 1972 for a reason," Coddle said. "And we have built a solid reputation in the community for customer satisfaction so we are surprised to see this complaint surface."

Asserting that the new wheelchair was not appropriate for her son, Thompson made several calls to various state offices for assistance to "make" Hamilton supply the correct equipment as mandated by the written medical evaluation.

But, according to Thompson, neither the state Medicaid office nor Miguel's caseworker with Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, a watchdog organization for disabled individuals, was helpful in holding Hamilton "accountable."

"We do have mechanisms in place to check the actions of certain providers to make sure they properly complete the tasks the state Medicaid office is paying them for," said Scott MacGregor, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Family and Social Services and the state Medicaid office. "But this appears to be a situation in which Medicaid workers did what they were supposed to do and could do."

Marshall added that they also do youth intervention, at-risk intervention and crisis counseling for children.

Volunteers are not only needed to help specifically with programs but with funding as well. Funding for the programs comes from a variety of sources.

"We have a variety of state, federal and local contracts with government agencies and we receive funding from the United Way," said Mary Leffler, division director of women's services. "We have private foundation funding and we raise quite a few dollars through our own fund raising to support our programs."

One of the largest fund-raising initiatives is the vehicle donation program where people in the community donate their unwanted

vehicles.

"People who donate their cars are able to take a tax deduction for the gift and then we resell the vehicle at a public auction and this is our largest source of fund-raising revenue," said Leffler.

The core values of Volunteers of America include commitment, integrity, character, excellence and above all, service.

"We've been doing our work kind of quietly but we're starting to get some recognition for what we're doing. A lot of people are beginning to find us and they want to get involved in the work that we do," said Marshall. "Especially with the new women's facility we're going to have a lot of volunteer opportunities for the community and it's something we're looking forward to."

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Outreach program gets doctors involved with children's literacy

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a non-profit organization that promotes early literacy by bringing new books and advice about the importance of reading aloud into the pediatric examination room.

The program trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric check-ups from 6 months to 5 years of age.

"Pediatricians are probably the only people with child development training and with this orientation who are looking at development, language and reaching all parents in the first years of a child's life," said Dr. Perri Klass, medical director and president of the Reach Out and Read National Center.

ROR began as a collaboration between pediatricians and early childhood educators at Boston City Hospital, which is now Boston Medical Center, in 1989.

"Reach Out and Read started as a simple solution to an obvious problem: waiting rooms without books," said Robert Needlman, co-founder of ROR. "Reading aloud was important for young children, and pediatricians had a special opportunity to reach their parents."

There are more than 2,000 ROR programs in the U.S., including 45 in the state of Indiana. The goal is to increase the national number by 300 each year for the next five years.

There is a challenge involved

with the program, however. Parents of children living in poverty sometimes lack the money to buy books. They might not have been read to as children also.

In 2001, 32 percent of fourth graders said they never or almost never read for fun outside of school, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics.

According to the U.S. Department of Education and the National Center for Educational Statistics, more than two-thirds of Indiana fourth graders cannot read at a proficient level.

These trends need to be reversed, and ROR is working to fix them. Studies have shown the effectiveness of reading. According to one report, parents given books and guidance were twice as likely to report reading aloud as a favorite activity between them and their children.

ROR now serves 2 million children annually, distributing over 3 million books to parents and children. More than 24,000 pediatricians and nurses have been trained in the ROR strategies of early literacy.

Their commitment to increasing literacy and developing children shows, and is best described in their mission. "Reach Out and Read makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care so that children grow up with books, and with a love of reading."

Reading tips

Parents can make reading with their children part of the daily routine. Reading together in the evening can become an important part of the bedtime ritual. Here are some additional suggestions for making reading together a pleasurable experience.

Make Reading Part of Every Day
Read at bedtime or on the bus.

Have Fun
Children who love books learn to read. Books can be part of special time with your child.

A Few Minutes Is OK
Young children can only sit for a few minutes for a story, but as they grow, they will sit longer.

Talk About the Pictures
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Let Your Child Turn the Pages
Babies need board books and help to turn pages, but your 3-year-old can do it alone.

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EDUCATION DOES MATTER

Attucks High School left a powerful legacy of learning

By LEROY ROBINSON



From *importation*, to the *plantation*, to *separation*, to *exploitation*, to *segregation*, to *desegregation*, to *integration*, to *assimilation*, to *reparation*, back to *separation*, and if Black America does not continue to value and vigorously pursue "fairness, justice, and equality" in the area of education, we will soon be headed back to the *plantation*.

A quick history check of the trends that Africans, who are living as Americans, have endured during their residency in this "foreign" land, and one would easily discover that our historical path is littered with the above suffix "tion." However, many African Americans may not fully understand the purpose of me using so many words with the same suffix. Please follow the pattern and our history speaks for itself.

In this column, we continue to discuss the issues dealing with the Supreme Court case, *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka*, and the positive or negative effects of the decision, along with many of the issues dealing with the education of African-American school children.

The reason why there is a brief history of the African-American experience in the first paragraph is because by closely examining each era leading up to "desegregation" and "integration," African-American families placed a great deal of value and importance on education.

Even during the worst of times on the "plantation" and throughout the "exploitation" periods, the slaves on up to the Negro valued an education and the opportunity to learn how to read.

Teaching slaves to read was against the law and swift punishment was handed down to any slave caught with a book in their possession. For many years, for the African in America, it was forbidden for them to acquire any type of education or given the ability to learn how to read a book.

Even into the 20th century when Negroes had the right to vote, tests requiring reading and writing were given to Negro voters at the polls, and they had to give the

correct answers to some bogus test if they wanted to participate and exercise their so-called constitutional right to vote.

Although our ancestors were mistreated to a large degree in every area of their existence, they still managed to find a love for learning and see the value and importance in reading and receiving an education. However, immediately after desegregation and with the civil rights push towards integration and assimilation, that love of learning from our community began to fade.

As I meet and speak to many of the graduates from Crispus Attucks High School, who were students around the time of the Brown decision in 1954, the same recurring themes come to the forefront. I challenge you to talk to any CAHS graduate who was a Tiger during the years proceeding integration and you would be hard pressed to find one who did not utter words similar to these:

"We had great pride in our school." "We had teachers who cared about us personally and about our future." "We had teachers and administrators who had very high expectations of us." "Our teachers wanted to prepare us for life after high school." "We had a staff that would not allow us to fail." "Our teachers lived in our neighborhoods and they knew our parents." The list goes on, but one thing was clear...the system worked.

As you look at many of the leadership positions throughout Indianapolis, whether it is in the judicial system, education, or politics, many of those positions are held or were held by African Americans who were graduates of Attucks High School during the "separate but equal" era.

Although the system was designed for them to fail, although they were not provided with equal resources, although they were not provided with equal supplies, and although they were not provided with many of the same opportunities given to the all-white high schools, the students learned, they excelled, and they were successful.

As history is being written, many would have you believe that Attucks High School in Indianapolis is only known as the all-Black high school that won a few

Symposium to be May 20
Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka: 50 Years Later
Past, Present, and Future: Where do we go from here?
Thursday, May 20 from 6 - 8 p.m.
Crispus Attucks Middle School Auditorium
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This event will include a brief lecture, along with a panel and community discussion of the effects of this landmark decision and what type of impact it has had on African-American public school children. Alumni from Attucks High School during the time before and after the Brown decision will be included on the panel.

state basketball championships in the 1950s. However, as you walk through the hallways and gaze at the pictures on the walls of each graduating class, you will begin to recognize name after name and you will see that something else was taking place at Attucks besides basketball.

Fifty years later and back to reality, education is free, access to information surrounds us each moment of the day, opportunities are in abundance, and assimilation is the order of the day...and our African-American school children are suffering miserably in our communities and coming in dead last in every single category in the educational performance and testing arena.

Is there a need for us to be placed back on the "plantation" for us to value our education? And in case you are still wondering... education does matter!

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Attucks student to attend leadership conference

Special to The Recorder

Amanda Lewis Davis, a seventh grade student at Crispus Attucks Middle School, has been selected to participate in the Junior National Student Leadership Conference (JNSLC) an extraordinary leadership development program for out-



Amanda Lewis Davis

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It's also a girl's world on the rugby field



By **Brittany Asam**
North Central High School Recorder Intern

When you ask most girls what sports they play, they will answer with sports like basketball, soccer or softball. But a new sport on the rise is girl's rugby, which is very rough and played with no padding.

Rugby is said to have originated in 1823 during a soccer game where one of the players instead of kicking the ball into the goal he ran it into the goal and was tackled by the opposing team in Rugby, England.

Rugby is more popular in Europe and Australia and is even

the national sport for some countries. Although created in 1823, rugby didn't hit the United States till around the 1980s and it has spread throughout all the states.

During that same decade, women's rugby started in England and has become one of the fastest growing women's sports.

Four years ago girl's high school rugby teams began popping up all over Indiana. It certainly was time for a new sport to hit the scene for high school girls.

For many years, tennis, swimming, basketball and soccer were the primary sports for high school girls. The wonderful thing about rugby is that this sport is not as rough as it seems. When you say rugby, most

people might think it is too rough for a girl to play and that she may even die in a game.

Many associate the game with the rough play found in football, but this is not the case. The game can get a little rough, especially when the girls are trying to make a goal. They will knock you down, fall on top of you, or push and pull to get the ball away from the opposing team.

Kelsie Wagner, a junior in high school, said, "I like rugby because it's fun and it keeps me busy." Since joining the team, she said, "the game is lot of fun, and I play to win, but not to hurt my opponents purposely in the process."

Savannah Jones, also a junior, summed it up by saying, "Rugby is the ideal sport where you can watch yourself grow into a good

athlete without the pressure, and the neat thing is that it is still developing and unfolding."

Jones also said, "My team is like family and these are the girls I spend my weekends with and tell my problems to."

Whether in grade school or middle school, if you are a girl, it would be a good idea to consider rugby as a sport for you when you enter high school. As the sport continues to gain momentum and become widespread, it won't be long before they are offering rugby for girls in kindergarten.

It is the ideal sport to boost your self-esteem and meet many new friends.

Skateboarding in Indianapolis



By **Tim Jones**
Lawrence Central High School Recorder Intern

Skateboarding has been around for just about 30 to 40 years according to author Tony Alva. Its mainstream athletes have brought what many thought was just a fad, back to today's youth.

In the mid-1950s, scooter carts were the wave of young children who wanted to have fun on two wheels. Later on in the early '60s, wooden handlebars were being ripped or torn off of scooter carts. This, although not known at the time, was an early version of the skateboard.

As the late 1960s rolled around, different variations of the skateboard were being invented. The shape of the board was important, but one thing that was even more important than that were the wheels.

Skateboard wheels back then were only made out of clay and steel. This made turning very difficult. In 1969, a man invented the polyurethane wheel, which is a very hard plastic type substance that's much more light and durable.

"This was a blessing to kids who were very good at maneuvering a board at really fast speeds. At the same time that the urethane wheel came out, Allan Gelfand pulled the first ollie," said Rich Tinsley, a student at Lawrence Central High School.

As this activity spread throughout the nation, it was slowly becoming unpopular with adults. Since there were only a few select skateboarding parks

in a few select states, some independent street skaters would skate in or on public property.

When skaters would come home from skate parks with bruises on their bodies from falling, parents would sue skate parks or business owners. This is how skateboarding slowly fell out of favor.

Protective pads were in stock, but most of the time nobody wore theirs because the professionals didn't.

In the late 1970s, skating died out. Skate parks were being torn down and made into parking lots. There were only a few pro skaters who kept skateboarding. This was a good thing, because in the 1997 X-Games, a professional skateboarder named Tony Hawk did the first 900. This trick is where the skater spins around 2 and a half rotations in the air and lands backward on the board.

This sparked a bigger craze for the so-called fad than ever before.

Skating was reborn and getting bigger at a fast rate. Skate parks were being reopened and built everywhere.

"There are a lot of skate parks, but there should be more skate shops in general," said Paul Jones, a student at Belzer Middle School.

Today there are several different types of skateboards and skateboarding styles. There are also more than 150 skate parks in the U.S. alone.

There are several different sponsorships for skateboarding now such as

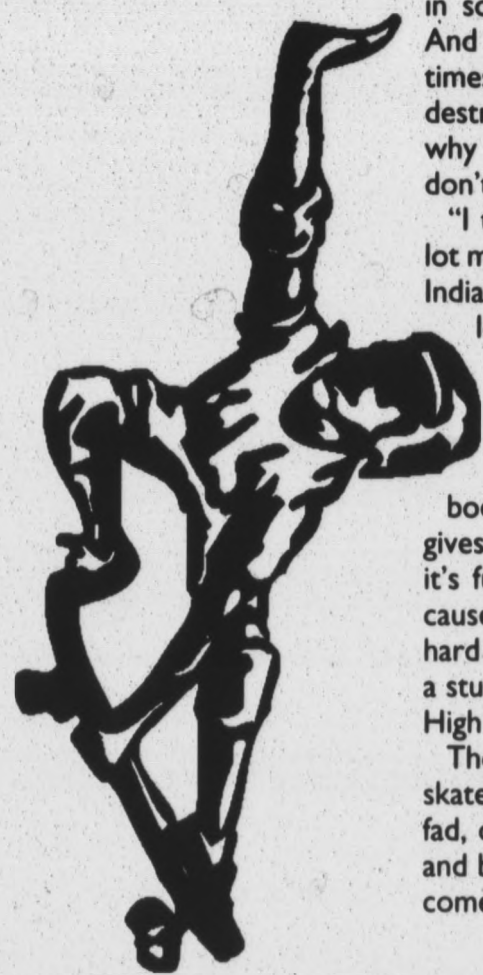
Zero skateboards. Sponsorships are companies that want to pay you to advertise their products by skating with their products.

Some people and law officers want to make skating because a lot of skating takes place today in some spots on the street. And public property is sometimes a victim of skateboarders' destruction. This is the reason why skateboarders and police don't often get along.

"I think skating has gotten a lot more popular than it was in Indianapolis, because you see a lot more skaters doing kick flips or whatever while you're walking down the street," said Jones.

"I can't speak for everybody, but I skate because it gives me something to do and it's fun to do hard tricks, because girls like when you land hard tricks," said Chris Spangler, a student at Lawrence Central High School.

Though some people think skateboarding is just another fad, others think it will evolve and be here for a long time to come.



Stop the bullying in our schools



By **Estella Motley**
Scecina High School Recorder Intern

Bullying takes place all over the world in almost every classroom. Students in every grade in school go through

bullying. Bullying just does not stop with one grade; it goes through all grades. Bullying can scar kids for life.

Bradon Johnson, a student who attends School 110, said that he was bullied. Johnson said, "I was bullied because I was the smallest student." He said that his bullying went on for two months.

"I wanted to take the bullying into my own hands with action," he said.

Angelica Gilbert from Broad Ripple High School said that "bullying is not really called bullying in high school. People in high school just think of bullying as being picked on. In today's high school, everyone gets picked on. It's just a part of high school."

Talette Jones, who goes to Lawrence Central, feels the same way as Gilbert. Jones said, "There's not much bullying that goes around at my school because people are more mature. I think it's more prominent in lower grades."

Allyse Robinson, a Broad Ripple High School student, said, when "I was in the 6th grade I was picked on a lot. A student would pull on my hair and hit me."

Robinson said, "I never had female friends until I was in the 9th grade."

Sometimes kids just bully for no reason or just because you had something that they did not have or something that they want to have but cannot afford it. Robinson said, "The reason why I think that people picked on me is because I had long hair and because I made good grades."

People who bully people have a serious problem because there is no reason why anyone should want to hurt anyone just because they felt like it.

Kids these days that are getting bullied need to tell someone so that it can be stopped. No one should be bullied. And it can be prevented.

Seniors, show me the money!



By **Alicia Renee Edwards**
Northwest High School Recorder Intern

Senior year is the time money should start growing on trees. Senior year is very expensive. You need money for senior pictures, memory books, yearbook, T-shirt, class ring, class cup, cap and gown, prom, senior trip, and anything else you could imagine that goes along with being a senior.

Although being a senior and graduating is an honor and accomplishment within itself could it also become a stress factor?

The lowest graduation packet Herff Jones offers is approximately \$187 and the highest graduation packet cost \$300. The graduation packets include cap, gown, announcements, senior book, class mug, tassel, and much more. A class ring can cost anywhere from \$130 to \$500 or \$600. At Prestige Portraits senior pictures packages can cost \$175 to \$540. This is an

awful lot of money, and there is still more to spend on prom, yearbook, class trip, and God forbid any seniors have any dues or debts to pay off.

This year at Northwest the seniors class trip is to Cedar Point in Ohio. This class trip cost \$80. The yearbook at Northwest is in all color and includes a CD-ROM. The yearbook cost \$45. Prom is an exciting event for all seniors.

Prom is the last formal dance seniors will attend in high school, and for some seniors it is their first.

Brandon Smith, a senior at Cathedral High School, said, "Senior year is expensive, but it comes with the package and role of being a senior. You only have one senior year."

Tasasha Henderson, a senior at Perry Meridian High School, said, "Senior year is very expensive and can be very stressful. There are so many things to pay for during senior year, and it seems that the bill comes all at once."

My mother is helping me pay for things, but senior year is definitely a MasterCard within itself."

After you finally graduate

and have paid off all of your senior debts, you come across a new bill in the making called college. In college there are plenty of things that need to be paid for. Tuition, book rental, and room and board is also expensive. Many seniors that feel high school is expensive, but just wait to see the expenses in college. For those people that don't have money growing in trees maintaining expenses from high school and college could become difficult.

Jessica McElwain, a senior at Northwest High School, said, "I feel like tearing my hair out. I go to sleep and see dollar signs, and I think about how I don't have them. It seems very inconsiderate to pay so much in high school and then have to do the same in college. I am not rich! My parents are helping me pay for my expenses. But they have expenses of their own. I presume that I will spend at least \$3,000 by the end of my senior year."

Sidnei Edmonds, a senior at Northwest High School, believes that the key to a stress free senior year and incoming year into college is saving. "I advise parents and

teen-agers to start saving as soon as possible. It's never too early to save. When shopping for prom accessories it should be done on a budget. I got my dress for \$40, but I still haven't purchased my accessories or my prom tickets. My senior packet was slightly over \$300. My senior balance due is over \$100. I really need to hit the lottery! I advise everybody to start saving."

Looking towards the positive things of senior year the expenses are well worth it. Walking across the stage and feeling that diploma in your hand is well worth it. Seniors, when things and expenses become stressful keep in mind as the MasterCard ads go:

- Graduation packet...\$190-\$300
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- Senior portraits...\$175-\$540
- Yearbook...\$45
- Seeing the smile on your parents face when you graduate...PRICELESS

P.S.
For all of you juniors dying to be seniors, the time and the money you have to spend will come! But until then "04"

Try balancing extracurricular activities and free time!



By **TaLette Jones**
Lawrence Central Recorder Intern

It's fun to be in school and maintain good grades,

but what about your free time? Extracurricular activities can help you maintain your grades and stay involved in school.

Sometimes these activities can become overwhelming, especially

when combined with homework, part-time jobs, chores, and other responsibilities, they just don't mix.

Extracurricular activities can also have some good benefits. They are really good on your records for college.

"I think extracurricular activities are good because they keep teens busy and out of trouble. Extracurricular activities also keep you from doing negative things you're not supposed to do," said Lynda Sam, who's involved in shot put at Howe High School. At times, these activities can make the body tired and also

can cause stress on teens.

Being involved in many different activities, let alone school, can develop teamwork and leadership skills.

Most teens are encouraged to get involved in activities, not only for the long term effect (better chances at getting accepted to different colleges) it'll have, but it can also make someone a better person.

Many colleges would like it if someone were involved in extracurricular activities during high school. These extra activities could be important to someone that depends

on the activities to keep them in school. While these activities are considered beneficial, they can become stressful and they can take up too much time.

"I do have children in extracurricular activities, and I think they cause stress because children have so much academic work. It almost isn't enough time for them to be in extra activities. Not to mention chores at home and some teens have jobs, which are even more time consuming," said Tyra Sharp, an Indianapolis mother with two teens and two other children.

"There are also more demands on teens these days because parents are relying on their teen since there are more single-parent homes," said Sharp.

Also, the teen's level of interest can be different for another teen, and to have the whole team do the same thing, it could take out a lot of energy from that teen. If your teen or child is involved in more than one activity, then it would probably be wise to suggest that they are in at least two activities.

Dates and debates on sex



By Leah Graves
Lawrence Central High School Recorder Intern

Teens aged 14 and up are now jumping into the dating game. The parents who do let their teen-agers date should talk about the possible situations a young adult can get into.

Sex is taught in school, talked about at church, but most importantly it should be talked about at home. All parents need to start their child off with a practice date. Fathers should take their daughters out and show them how a young lady is supposed to be treated.

Mothers should take part in this crash course to dating too. Let your son know how he is supposed to treat a young lady if he takes her out.

Dating etiquette is key. Not only does it show them how to handle themselves as young adults, but it also shows the proper way to treat the opposite sex.

Not every teen is interested in just going to the movies and having fun. Sexual innuendoes are common in school, so more than likely they'll be said comfortably on dates. Teach your teen every possible scenario you know of to test your teen's maturity level.

If your teen can't respond appropriately, put limitations

on their dating. Let your teen go out on group dates. Let your teen know how old a person has to be to date your teen.

Give your teen a curfew. Get to know the person your teen is dating. Get phone numbers and addresses. Date rape is the most common type of rape amongst teens and college students, according to the Indianapolis Police Department.

No one should be more comfortable with your teens date than you. If you are a concerned parent maybe you need take your teen's date aside and have a talk.

Estella Motley, a sophomore from Sccecina High School, started dating when she was 16 years old. Motley's parents had a brief conversation with her about dating, but it wasn't over the top.

Motley said, "My first date was not really just the two of us, we went to a party."

"I feel you should let a person know where you stand as far as morals are concerned," said Motley. "When you start building a relationship with someone just let them know what your limits are so you won't have any problems."

Charisse Johnson, a sophomore from North Central High School, said, "My mother and I sat down and talked about what type of boys to date and the way he was supposed to treat me while we were out."

Johnson's first date was a group date very much like other young teens. Johnson's parents

met her date before she went out just for safety precautions.

There are some parents who won't even consider letting their teen date like Alyse Robinson. Robinson is a sophomore from Broad Ripple High School. Robinson said, "Every year on my birthday my mom would tell me Alyse you can't date until you're 16."

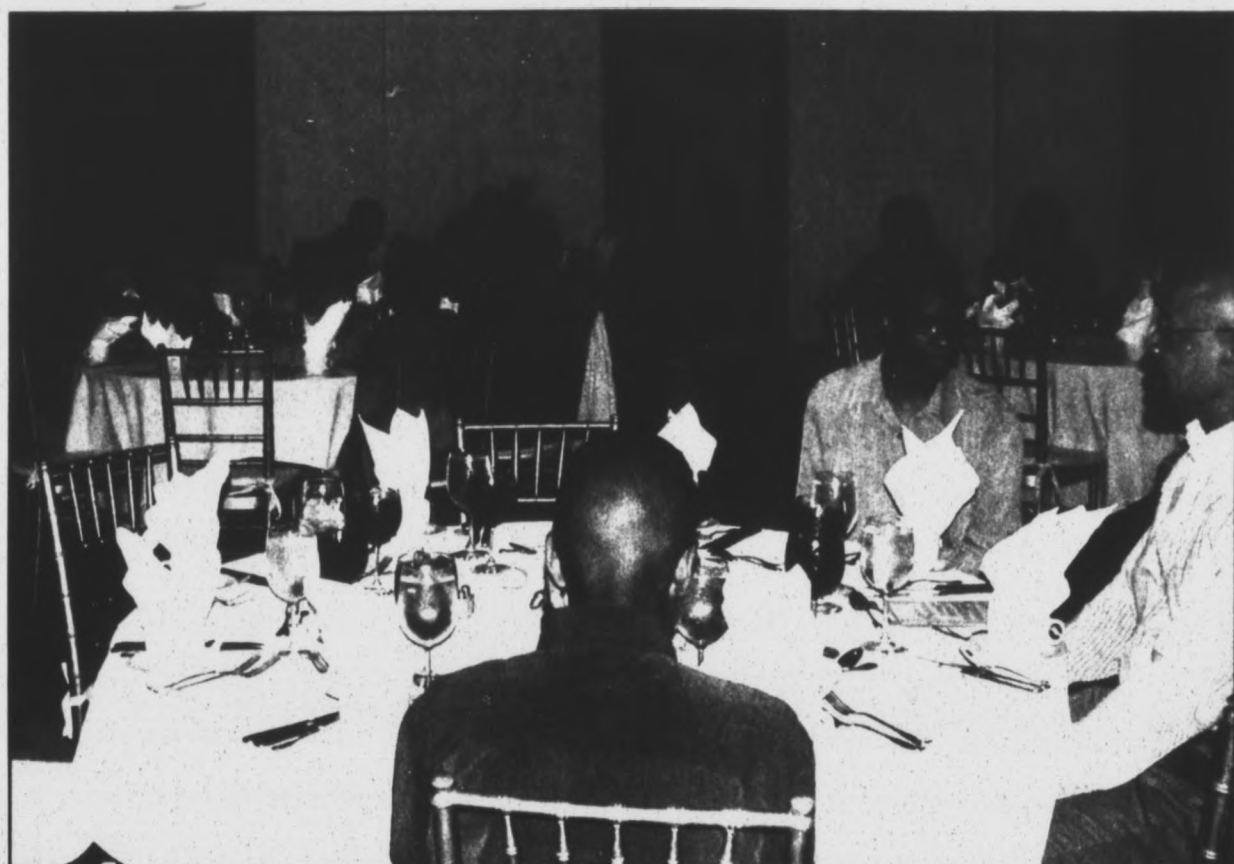
"So, when I turned 16 years old my mom told me Alyse you can't date until you're 17 and the date has to be chaperoned." Robinson debated with her mother about the age she would be able to date.

Barbara Robinson, Alyse's mother, talked about her rules for dating. In order for her teen to date she has to meet the young man and the date has to be supervised. Robinson said, "I trust my daughter, but trust has to be earned. I just didn't get up and trust my daughter, she has certain guidelines she has to follow. We had a little argument about dating, but I still told Alyse she had to at least 16, preferably 17, to date."

Dating is a sensitive subject to parents and teen-agers. When talking about dating with your parents or your teen think about maturity level and responsibility.

For teens can either hurt your argument or help you. Parents, when the subject is brought up make sure you lay out rules and regulations for dating.

Dating can be a fun and great experience for teens and parents if it is talked about freely.



The Indianapolis Recorder recently held its Journalism and Writing Seminars (JAWS) awards banquet at the Marott banquet hall. The JAWS program is available to high school students interested in pursuing a career or learning more about the journalism field. The awards banquet was a ceremony held for participating students and their families.



Recorder Editor Shannon Williams (left) alongside Tysha Hardy-Sellers, program coordinator, thanked all the students for their hard work and attendance during the program.

College: Thinking Ahead



By Chris Rogers
Lawrence Central High School Recorder Intern

College: the first step, for some, into adulthood. A life on your own where you are responsible to wake yourself up each morning and get to class.

A place where you decide if you go to class or not. A place where you set your own rules. But it is a step that some people skip for various reasons.

Some people don't have the money, some don't have the time, and some people simply don't want to go.

Some people don't go due to different reasons. Some have family or friends that they need to take care of and some have full time jobs to support themselves.

When it comes to college one of the biggest factors would

have to be money. Paying for classes, living on campus, and paying for books make college seem as if it's constantly tearing a hole in your pocket.

Another reason people don't go to college is because they simply don't want to go. They believe 12 years of school is more than enough and another four years shouldn't be necessary. Why spend thousands of dollars going to a school when it's not required for the career that you want? If you can make money without college, then why go?

Tim Jones, a student at Lawrence Central High School, said, "I think people go because they want to go, but other than that, I don't think it's necessary. No one should force you." When asked about money issues, he said, "It seems like a big bite out of your parent's wallets. Money is a big thing in college and some people have to juggle two or three jobs just to pay tuition."

Kristopher Townsend, another student at Lawrence Central High School, plans to go to college.

Townsend said, "To get a nice career I think it (college) is necessary. Money can be tough sometimes but there is always financial aid and scholarships and stuff."

Nevertheless, college is becoming a necessity for some of the most simple jobs and many people aren't getting jobs due to the fact that they don't have a college degree. People should have the choice when it comes to college and if they don't want to go or can't go, then it shouldn't determine if they succeed in life. Alan Morrow, a senior at Lawrence Central, said he can't wait to get to college. "I don't think people have to go, but I think it really helps you out for the future."

College is a step that many people should take, if they can, because it shouldn't be seen as four more years of school or a waste of money but as an experience that allows teens to see how the real world is and prepare them for the rest of their lives.



Tim Jones Sr. takes a look at his son Tim Jones Jr. and daughter Talette Jones' work which was set up for visuals during the banquet.

JAWS Awards Banquet



Leah Graves speaks with Williams about her experience in the JAWS program.

Fighting obesity with popular diets



By Tasasha Henderson
Perry Meridian High School Recorder Intern

A new study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that deaths due to poor diet and physical inactivity rose by 33 percent over the past decade and may soon surpass tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death.

Being overweight is having increased body weight in relation to height compared to some standard of acceptable or desirable weight. Obesity is having high amounts of body fat in relation to lean body mass.

Also according to the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disease 15.3 percent of

children ages 6 to 11 and 15.5 percent of adolescents ages 12 to 19 are overweight.

America has responded to this health crisis by embracing various diet programs with the Atkins Diet being one of the most popular ones. Restaurants such as Subway, TGI Fridays and Blimpie's have new Atkins approved menus with low-carb food choices. Subway has also implemented a program to prevent childhood obesity called One Life! One Body! Eat Fresh! Get Fit! The program is an in-school curriculum developed with Weekly Reader, an educational magazine for students that stresses the importance of healthy eating and exercise. The curriculum has been distributed by Weekly Reader to 10 million children in 60,000 classrooms throughout the country.

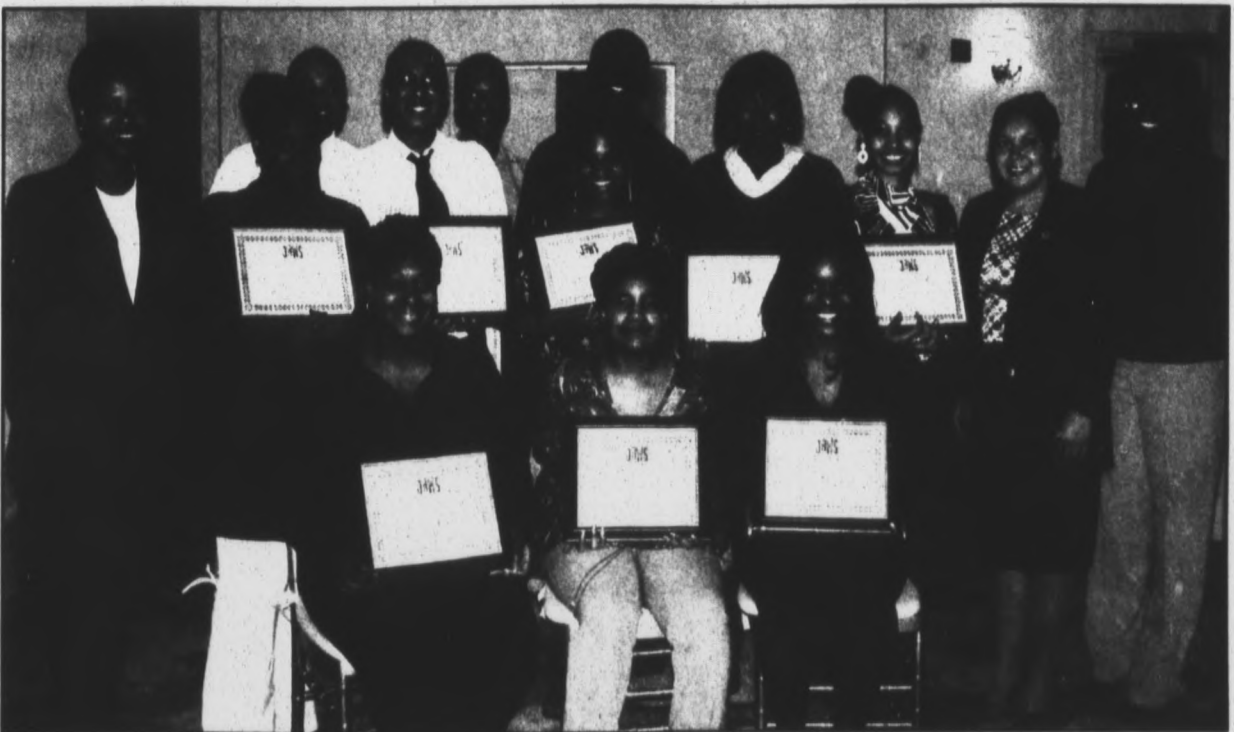
TGI Fridays has partnered with Atkins Nutritional Inc. to ensure that their new low-carb menu meets the standard of the Atkins Nutritional An-

proach. The new menu includes Tuscan Spinach Dip, Buffalo Wings, New York Strip Steak with Bleu Cheese, and Chargrilled Salmon Fillet among other things.

Lisa Wiggins, a healthy eater, says "it is good that restaurants have low-carb menus so the food will not be so fatty and greasy and it gives people who want to eat healthy when they go out the option of choosing healthier food."

Blimpie's Subs and Salads has a new carb-counter menu that features low carb food choices such as Durango Roast Beef & Cheddar which has eight grams of carbohydrates, Buffalo Chicken Salad with five grams of carbohydrates, and Sicilian Salad that has seven grams of carbohydrates.

Lawrence Lewis, father of one, says "All the diets are nothing but hype. If you aren't going to exercise then nothing you eat is going to help you lose weight."



(Seated) Seniors Alicia Edwards, Tasasha Henderson, Dinah Allen all received scholarships on behalf of the Recorder. (Second row) Tysha Hardy-Sellers, Estella Motley, Alyse Robinson, Leah Graves and Brittany Asam. (Back row) Tim Jones Jr., Chris Rogers, Garrett Gammons, Talette Jones, Recorder president, State Rep. Carolene Mays and Editor Shannon Williams. (Photos/E. Wheeler)

EDITORIAL

To paddle or not to paddle

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor



The IPS School Board is currently considering whether to continue to allow paddling of students in the school system. This has been a touchy subject for many people, but I personally don't see much wrong with it.

The reason I don't feel as if it's a problem is because in order for a school official to paddle a child, that official must first get permission from that child's parent. If a parent is against their child being

paddled, then all they have to do is opt not to have their child paddled.

It seems as if nowadays many things are coming into debate that really don't have to because they are optional anyway.

As far as the paddling goes, I try to put myself in the shoes of the teacher. Sometimes children are so bad or disruptive that they need to be punished on the spot. I have seen many instances where a teacher has told a child to behave repeatedly, yet that child continued to act up. If you are faced with a situation like that and a child's misbehavior persists, I feel it's only right that a teacher consider paddling the child, after, of course consulting with the parent.

Naturally paddling shouldn't be the first option, nor should it be the absolute last...but it definitely should be an option. I've spoken with many people who were paddled while in school and each of them said that after that paddling, they were less prone to act up. Obviously we're in different times now, and children just aren't how they used to be, but I do think paddling does good for a child. That child will learn to behave in school as they hopefully would at home.

But then you have the children who do behave the same at school and home...and that's why they need paddling. As I've said many, many times before - parents need to step up and do their jobs effectively. Just because you send your child to school does not mean that that's the end of things. You have to be involved in every aspect of that child's life. Some parents look at school as a form of babysitting and it's not. Children are in school to be educated and that should be at the forefront of the teacher's, the student's and the parent's minds. I don't have kids, but if I did, I wouldn't want the education they receive in schools to be jeopardized because of a disruptive child.

And since I'm talking about schools, I want to encourage parents to do educational things with their children. Learning doesn't stop when they leave the classroom. Read to your children; let them read to you, play fun learning games...anything you can to keep their minds stimulated. Oftentimes, we can educate our children in a way that appears so fun and relaxed to them that they don't even know they're being taught.

OK everyone, the May primary is only a few days away. That means everyone needs to go out and cast their votes. This is the beginning of a long journey to November, so be sure to vote on Tuesday, May 4 and may the best candidates win.

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JUST TELLIN' IT Yes, Indianapolis, there is an election on Tuesday. And it counts, too!

By AMOS BROWN III



This week's column begins with a shout out!

THERE IS AN ELECTION THIS TUESDAY!!

Yes, the primary and school board elections are this Tuesday! Really!

Now, because the Marion County Election Board has a horrible habit of refusing to provide timely information to African-American media, which serves 26 percent of the entire county, there's confusion on how election workers have been trained on handling the issue of identification next Tuesday.

So, don't take chances on an encounter with an untrained, arrogant precinct inspector. Make sure you have your identification with you when you vote. If asked, show it. And if the address on your ID doesn't match where you live, take along a utility bill to prove your address.

Now, that I've done what our toothless election board should've done and now that you're forewarned and forearmed, you wouldn't know in our African-American community that there's an election May 4.

Yes, Gov. Joseph Kernan and challenger "My Man" Mitch Daniels have been running ads on Black radio for weeks. And yes there are some candidate ads in this week's Recorder. But, frankly, among Black folks there's more buzz and talk about "American Idol's" shenanigans and "Apprentice" villainess Omarosa, than Tuesday's primary/school board elections.

The stunning lack of primary battles created the lack of enthusiasm about this Tuesday's elections in our Black community. For the first time in decades, there're no Democratic intramural fights involving African-American candidates which would spur our commu-

nity to the polls.

Add to that an Indianapolis School Board election where three incumbents are unopposed and you get massive May election disinterest among Black folks.

Now, I don't want this column's Republican readers (and there are many) to take aid and comfort in those last three paragraphs because African Americans can read a calendar. They understand that Tuesday's elections are like the Pacers/Celtics series. Necessary, but meaningless.

The real playoffs, the run-up to the Nov. 2 election, begin this Wednesday, and that's where the interest and action will be in our Black community.

African Americans will be watching the results of Tuesday's gubernatorial battle between Republicans Mitch Daniels and Eric Miller, to see who will face Gov. Kernan. Republicans think this will be their year in Indiana. They really want the governor's office back. Bad.

That's why Vice President Dick Cheney has been here twice this year. And why you'll see every Bush administration official and maybe the president himself here in the next six months.

Though many African Americans didn't pay attention, you should've checked out last week's debate between Miller and Daniels on WISH-TV/Channel 8 and WFYI-FM (90.1) radio.

Surprisingly, to me, Miller came across as the polished, smooth, knowledgeable candidate while Daniels seemed nervous, hesitant, tentative at times. Both Daniels and Miller said they wouldn't raise taxes. They would freeze government spending, but specifically refused to say how they'd cut state spending. Both oppose expansion of legalized gambling. Both believe that marriage is just a man/woman thing and both oppose a woman's right to choose whether to bear a child.

African Americans must understand that both Miller and Daniels are conservative Republicans and what their election could mean for our African-American community and our

state.

But something Miller said in the Channel 8 debate literally sent chills down my spine.

Asked about abortion Miller said "I will continue to take a pro-life position, including naming pro-life judges to the State Supreme Court and the appellate courts."

Judicial litmus tests are what Indiana doesn't need in its independent judiciary. If Eric Miller upsets Mitch Daniels Tuesday (something highly unlikely, but the 2004 campaign has been anything but conventional), our Black community could be confronting an ultra-conservative governor candidate.

So, now that the screw-ups at Election Systems & Software (ES&S) have installed the right, certified software, and our city/country's new voting system has been double checked, this Tuesday, Vote Indianapolis!

What I'm hearing in the streets

Despite having 400 fewer officers, Marion County sheriff's deputies made over 28,000 more runs in 2003 than Indianapolis police officers.

That startling statistic is contained in a progress report released last week by Sheriff Frank Anderson. Appearing on our WTLC-AM (1310) daytime talk show, Sheriff Anderson effectively made the case that he needs at least 250 more deputies, to better patrol and bring community policing to an area of 531,507 people.

Unfortunately, the City-County Council's Republican Neanderthals refuse to consider creative ways to get Sheriff Anderson the money he needs to put more deputies on county streets.

It's time the Democratic council majority puts the GOP reactionaries' feet to the fire. It used to be that Republicans stood for "law and order"; now they stand for keeping Marion County citizens saddled with an undermanned sheriff's service.

Our afternoon talk show originated April 22 from the Neal-

Marshall Black Culture Center at Indiana University/Bloomington. It was WTLC's first ever live broadcast from the campus. In my first visit to the \$26 million center, I was impressed at this academic jewel in the heart of the campus. The Neal-Marshall Center is a point of pride to all African-American Hoosiers, IU alums or not.

The announcement that the city had cobbled together a \$2 million bailout loan for IndyGo is great, but I want to see action now on total route restructuring. IndyGo doesn't need to pay more consultants to tell them what riders and folks with Hoosier common sense know. IndyGo's routes need a major overhaul and quickly. I can't understand why that can't be accomplished by 500 Race Day

Attorney, civic leader and Indianapolis Business Journal owner Michael "Mickey" Maurer is one of this column's faithful readers. One of his companies, MyStar, owns WTPI, WZPL and WXNT Radio, but last week Maurer announced he's selling the stations to Entercom, America's fourth largest radio broadcasting company.

In doing so, the last locally owned broadcasting company vanishes from Indianapolis. (While Emmis is headquartered here, it's publicly owned. MyStar wasn't).

Maurer's MyStar believed in diversity. Its WTPI employed more African-American air personalities than any other general market station. Its overall diversity record was great, too.

In a broadcasting business with a diminishing number of "class act owners," Mickey Maurer was class among class acts.

I salute his service as a broadcaster.

See 'ya next week!

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The 9-11 commission: waste of time

By RON WALTERS
For NNPA



The commission holding hearings to find out why the Sept. 11 attack occurred on the Twin Towers in New York, the farm in Pennsylvania and the Pentagon is little more than a waste of time.

The fact that the commission has held hearings with all of the intelligence flows from an assumption that the main cause of the attack was that it couldn't be prevented - that the United States intelligence agencies did not know it was coming and therefore, could not have prevented it.

This was essentially the line of Condoleezza Rice and of CIA Director George Tenet. They they, as well as ambassadors, generals, the FBI, and any one else associated with intelligence have been hauled before the commission to answer what did they know and why they didn't share the information with others.

The hearings have also focused on what George Bush knew, when did he know it and what did he do about it. The famous Aug. 6 memo that seemed to be saying that al Qaeda was planning to some big terrorist incident and that it could happen in the U.S. was all but ignored by Bush, enjoying himself at one of the longest August vacations taken by any sitting president. His dodge was that the Aug. 6 memo was not specific, or that it did not constitute "actionable intelligence."

In other words, the information did not get up from the page, dance around the room, put on a suit of neon lights and say, "Hey George, I'm al Qaeda, I'm over here and I'm coming to blow up these buildings on this day, this time and in this way." I always thought that these so-called smart people that we pay were, in fact, paid to dig things up, rather than sit at their desks until they were hit in the face with them.

In any case, the commission has all but exhausted its witness list, has asked the hard questions in public, will ask more in private and will wrap up the investigation - and it will come to the conclusion that has



already been stated by its chairman, former New Jersey Gov. Kean. And that is: if the proper steps had been taken, Sept. 11 could have been avoided. The proper steps were not taken because intelligence agencies did not share what they knew.

Commissioners still are not through. The official terms of reference for the commission states that it should, "...make a full and complete accounting of the circumstances surrounding the attacks..." So, now that there has been a set of hearings based on the response of the intelligence community to terrorism, where is the set of hearings based on the official policies and other international relations that were also important in promoting the attacks by alienated people from the Middle East?

It appears that this set of hearings will not be held because the basis would be that what the U.S. did was one of the factors was responsible for Sept. 11. That assertion, even

hinted, is not fashionable in macho Bush country, nor his conservative government, nor even among liberal politicians.

What we have here is a one-sided reason for this war: that America was attacked for no reason, or for the silly reason that people just don't like us, or as Bush has often said, because they are resentful of our "freedom."

Give me a break! Nevertheless, Bush has been successful in selling this lame line, just as he has been successful in tying the Sept. 11 attack to his reason for starting a war in Iraq.

So how about investigating the real reason for the attack, not as an intelligence failure, but as a policy failure. We could start off by interrogating the nature of the American posture toward Israel that allows the U.S. to exercise unflinching support for assassinations of Palestinian leaders and approval of Ariel Sharon's apartheid policies; then move to try to understand why when Bush came into office, he walked away from the peace negotiations Bill Clinton had tried to jump-start as late as December of 2000; then seek to understand why the so-called "road map" is dead letter.

These are some of the things that have stirred up Arab sentiment against the United States and by not examining them closely, we are saying either that we don't care or that these aspects of American policy will not change. Well, if they do not change, they will continue to be a source of alienation and if that is true, then the only world that is open for Americans to live in, is one where the use of force will be necessary at every step.

In other words, we become a permanent extension of the Middle East dynamic in this hemisphere, and the unfinished quest for American democracy is corrupted by threat to human and civil rights, by draining the financial resources of the country and in the end, solving nothing only making matters worse.

We have gone a long way in exchanging ruthlessness for intelligence as the prime resource of our well-being and it is bound to fail.

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Jackson case much bigger than his guilt or innocence

By EARL OFARI HUTCHINSON



Even before a Santa Barbara County grand jury indicted Michael Jackson, the child molestation case against him was certain to be much bigger than the one time

king of pop's guilt or innocence. Last November, one of Jackson's brothers angrily threw down the gauntlet when he called the charges a legal lynching. The implication being that Jackson squirms on the legal hot seat because he is rich, successful, popular, and Black. Then Jackson upped the ante when he claimed in a "60 Minutes" interview a month later that Santa Barbara County sheriff's deputies manhandled him during his arrest. The sheriff's department quickly denied the charge. Fam-

ily members, friends, and Jackson groupies rallied around Jackson, and accused Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon of waging a personal vendetta against Jackson.

But Jackson's Casper the ghost looking bleached skin, nose pinch job, eye shadow, and straight hair have always gotten tongues wagging and fueled tabloid gossip. The mad press scramble to get the latest dope on anything that moves in the Jackson case when the trial begins will almost certainly dwarf the press attention in the O.J. Simpson case.

Even if Jackson beats the charges, he has lost badly in the court of public opinion. The public has long memories and even longer tongues when it comes to the emotionally hyper-charged issue of child sexual abuse. The rumors, whispers and doubts that plagued him in the years before, and the decade after a multi-million dollar court settlement he

made with a child sex accuser in 1993 will again plague him for years to come.

But Jackson can't be absolved of blame for playing fast and loose with the public's justified horror of child sexual abuse. All it took was the still to be proven word of a 12-year-old that Mike is a child molester and sex abuser, for former fans and a once fawning public to believe that a bleached Black man who for years made his living grabbing his crotch before millions could do terrible things to children.

The reason is simple. Child molestation is the type of crime that even the mere allegation of a misdeed instantly ignites public outrage. Many prosecutors regard even the allegation of child molestation as a crime. Public rage at the legions of Catholic priests and church officials that for years blatantly and shamelessly hid behind their religious collars to commit heinous sex

crimes has further fueled the deep revulsion against pedophiles.

Public super sensitivity about the Jackson case is also a reaction to the lingering guilt and shame over the fact that for many years courts and much of the public turned a blind eye to child abuse.

But it's also a reaction to rich and famous celebrities such as Simpson, Martha Stewart, Enron and Tyco executives whom many feel use their wealth and fame to thumb their nose at the law and get away with misconduct.

Then there's the race card. Polls show that the Jackson case shapes up as Simpson redux. The majority of Blacks think he's innocent, even say that he's been framed, and the majority of whites say he's guilty. Jackson stirred the race pot even more when Nation of Islam officials turned up at his legal team's press conferences, and his advisor's meeting.

Muslim bodyguards will prob-

ably surround the Pop King at his upcoming court appearances. Though there's no evidence that they are anything other than one more ornament in Jackson's traveling ménage, they spruce up his credentials with some Blacks as a Black brother being dumped on by an unjust white legal system.

Child sexual abuse, however, is so fraught with public revulsion, that even many Blacks that publicly are more than willing to give Jackson the benefit of the doubt, privately blast him for his seemingly unnatural fascination with boys. And mainstream Black leaders have steered a wide berth around him.

Leading members of the Congressional Black Caucus, for instance, openly snubbed Jackson during his whirlwind schmoozing political fence-mending jaunt to the Capitol earlier this year. Earlier this month, a group of African diplomats in Washington, D.C., vig-

orously protested the awarding of a humanitarian award to Jackson for his financial contributions to the AIDS fight in Africa.

Jackson has not been proven guilty of any child sex crimes and must have his day in court. The indictment is only the first round in the DA's quest to put him behind bars. Before anything like that happens there will be endless legal battles ahead. But given the intense emotions that surround him and the hot button issues in the case that stir public passions, the Jackson case will be much more than just another glitter celebrity case.

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A labor of betrayal

By GEORGE E. CURRY
For NNPA



A recent conference at Columbia University was one of the most important ones I've ever attended. It was organized to develop strategies to counter the right-wing's slick and well-financed campaign to distort the truth about affirmative action and other social issues.

Scheduled to speak was a who's who of the civil rights movement and academia: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Mary Frances Berry; Ted Shaw, the new head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Derrick Bell, author and professor of law at New York University; Columbia University President Lee Bollinger; Claude Steele, chair of the psychology department at Stanford University; and Tim Wise, director of the Association for White Anti-Racist Education, among others.

Workshops were organized to develop a better communications strategy, to improve research, to find ways to defend affirmative action at the state level and to help universities maintain diversity programs.

The conference was organized by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a coalition of approximately 180 civil and human rights groups; Americans for a Fair Chance, a pro-affirmative action group and the African-American Policy Forum, headed by Kimberle Williams Crenshaw, a law professor at Columbia University, and Luke Charles Harris, a professor of political science at Vassar College.

On the day before the confer-

ence was to begin, a group of teaching and research assistants interested in forming a union at Columbia University, informed conference organizers that if they went forward with the two-day session, they would picket the conference site. The group, Graduate Student Employees United, is affiliated with Local 2110 of the United Auto Workers. Although best known for organizing auto workers, the UAW also represents white collar technical and professional workers, state employees, teachers and day care workers.

For the next 24 hours, Wade Henderson, Kim Crenshaw and Luke Charles Harris were frantically trying to negotiate a settlement with UAW local leaders. They pointed out that UAW had known about the conference for six months and had raised no objections. More important, there were numerous activities being held on campus that were not being picketed. Several proposals were made to accommodate the teaching assistants movement, including allowing them to state their grievances as part of the conference. However, those overtures were rejected. When appeals were made to national UAW leaders, they refused to reverse the decision.

Presented with the choice of crossing a picket line or attending the conference, Wade Henderson's LCRR and Americans for a Fair Chance pulled out of the conference, as did several other participants. When Crenshaw and I spoke, she asked whether I was still willing to serve as a panelist and my reply was, "I don't care if they put up a picket line around the podium, I'll be there."

It's not that I am anti-labor. Rather, I am pro-anything that benefits my people. In this instance, I wasn't the one who crossed the line. It was organized labor - and some of our leaders

who caved in to their outrageous demand - that crossed the line.

They crossed the line by showing that when the interests of people of color are pitted against the interests of largely white graduate assistants who earn the equivalent of \$40,000 in stipends and tuition benefits, organized labor will betray us.

This is also a test for civil rights leaders. I understand the need for compromise, especially if you're part of a coalition in which a member has grievances. But when it comes to doing something as important as trying to counter the far right, nothing should take precedence over our agenda.

The dirty little secret is that organized labor provides substantial funding for civil rights organizations and in exchange for money, they exercise veto power over any major decision made by civil rights leaders. Labor exercised that clout at Columbia and people of color were the losers.

To their credit, professors Crenshaw and Harris did not cancel the conference. And many respected figures in our community, including Ted Shaw and Derrick Bell, did not buckle under pressure. As a result, the conference was excellent.

It did not provide all the answers to our problems - no single conference can do that - but it was a good beginning, as was an earlier conference at the University of Michigan organized by the Equal Justice Society in San Francisco.

More than anything else, the Columbia fiasco underscores the need for people of color to finance our own movements and not be overly reliant on allies who will betray us when it suits their needs.

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YOUR VOICE

Do you think teachers should be allowed to paddle their students?



Deanna Jackson

"Yes and no. Yes because kids have gotten out of control and they need discipline. If they get out of line, there should be consequences. No because some teachers may take it overboard and that could result in a big problem. I would give permission to paddle my child."

- Deanna Jackson, Indiana Fever



Natalie Williams

"No, it's the job of the parents. I have two kids and I wouldn't want a teacher to paddle my kids. I would rather they call me. I don't even spank my kids. I just take away their privileges."

- Natalie Williams, Indiana Fever



Niele Ivey

"No, the parents should do disciplinary actions. I have a son and I wouldn't be comfortable with it."

- Niele Ivey, Indiana Fever

READERS RESPOND

Bush's shady deal with Saudi Arabia

Journalist Bob Woodward has raised a number of disturbing questions about the president's relationship with the Saudi royal family in his latest book, *Plan of Attack*.

We now know that Bush has a secret deal with the Saudis to influence the November elections by manipulating gas prices - a deal that is costing Americans at the pump.

If President Bush can make deals with OPEC nations to lower gas prices, why isn't he doing it now, while Americans face record prices at the pump, instead of using that influence to manipulate the election?

President Bush needs to answer other questions about his relationship with Saudi Arabia too, including why he revealed secret war plans to Saudi Prince Bandar before he showed Colin Powell.

It's time for President Bush to stop the stone-wall and come clean about his relationship with the Saudi royal family and their plan to manipulate the elections.

The White House paints anti-war opposition as "aiding terrorism." Yet, our president is in bed with the leaders of a foreign state complicit in the Sept. 11th, 2001, terror attacks.

George Bush wrapped himself in the flag and cynically used our nation's tragedy for a campaign commercial after sharing secret war plans with Saudi tyrants.

Who is the REAL terrorist here?

Jason Jones

Payton and IPS Board

As a concerned parent with three children in the IPS system, I try to keep abreast of the politics and policies of its governing board. However, I must admit to being quite confused when I recently learned that IPS Board Commissioner Donald Payton had resigned his position before the end of its term.

No explanation was given for his departure. To only compound these already odd circumstances, seemingly within days of his resignation, Mr. Payton filed with the Marion County Election Board to run again for the very same

office he had just vacated.

One explanation offered up in certain quarters is that Mr. Payton, who is currently unemployed, is manipulating the Public Employment Retirement Fund in order to establish an income flow. By retiring from the board just long enough to become eligible for PERF and then filing to run in the current election as a "safe," unopposed candidate, Mr. Payton would collect benefits while simultaneously serving in the same position from which he had already retired.

Wonderful for Mr. Payton. Never mind what his supposed ruse cost the IPS system when it suddenly had to find a replacement to fulfill Mr. Payton's term and responsibilities for him.

If the explanation being "unofficially" circulated is not true, I believe as a public official Mr. Payton has the responsibility to step forward and set the people whom he represents at ease. If, however, the explanation is true, then voters of the 4th school district and the citizens of Indianapolis should feel outraged and use the democratic process to voice their displeasure.

Anonymous

Kerry's war record tops Bush's

Why on Earth are Bush and Cheney attacking Kerry's war record? Nothing that they say or do can diminish the fact that Kerry is a genuine war hero by anybody's standards, and dredging up a disgruntled Republican to say that one of the medals was not deserved because the wound was not big enough is laughable.

This whole scenario stands in contrast to Bush's so-called record - using daddy's influence to get into the Texas Air Guard, costing the taxpayers a million dollars to be trained to fly a plane that had been phased out in Vietnam, and then deciding that this was no longer a priority in his life, and dropping out to work on a political campaign.

After many demands to prove his "war record" Bush finally had his "service" microfiche records shipped from St. Louis to Gen. James in Washington, who purged them carefully, and then shipped them to the White House to be re-sanitized. They were then dumped on reporters on a Friday night, at which point the whole matter was forgotten. How can we tolerate a chicken hawk president sending our boys to be slaughtered to satisfy dreams of empire?

Stephen Strauss



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**SPIRITUAL
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Black folks and money

By **PASTOR DAVID A. HAMP-
TON**

The Bible says, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Are we losing our souls and rejecting Jesus Christ at the expense of gaining money and material? I am not suggesting that there is anything inherently wrong with money, wealth, or material possessions. Contrary to a popular misquote, the Bible does not say "money is the root of all evil."

The Bible specifically says "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many arrows." (1 Timothy 6:10).

I believe that we should want the best possible life for ourselves and our children. We should have whatever we can afford if God has blessed us accordingly. What I am suggesting is that there is something wrong when money and materials are placed higher in priority than the God who owns and created them.

I simply want to provide a practical perspective that might heighten our consciences toward a very important issue. I am specifically talking to my brothers and sisters (African Americans) right now because we fall victim in a unique way to materialism. If we are not careful, we will lose sight of our purpose. If we are not careful we will begin to love money and material more than God or ourselves.

It can happen very easily, especially when our young people are bombarded with shows like "Pimp My Ride," "MTV Cribs," "Fabulous Life of..." songs and music videos, all expressing that you are nothing unless you have riches. What is worse is when some preachers teach that you're not close to God if you have no money or material prosperity.

Is it not backwards thinking to have a \$2k car with \$12k spinning rims? What good is it to have spinning wheels if your life is spinning out of control? Why do Black artists sing and rap about white companies that do not pay them any royalties: Burberry, Gucci, Prada, Bently, etc.?

What good is it to have expensive jewelry and you can't pay rent for the month? What good is it to have a handful of cash with no savings or checking account or no interest bearing investment plan for the future? What good is it to have the latest fashions when your babies don't even have diapers?

What good is it to want material stuff when you have no job? What good is it to work three or four jobs just to make a car payment at the expense of family time? What good is it to rent an apartment for \$1,000 per month when you can own a house (an investment) for \$800 a month?

Why do we not support Black businesses? When we do have Black businesses, why don't we provide excellent service rather than shabby service? Why do we feel that "white folks' money" is better than "Black folks' money?"

We act like money is new to us and we lose our minds when we get some. Or we lose all faith and integrity in order to get some, not considering God, our children, or our own loved ones at times. Let's face it, being "hood rich" isn't cute!

I am definitely not judging or criticizing my people, but I am trying to encourage us to evaluate our own actions. Perhaps we are trying to fulfill some void in our lives or build self-esteem with money and material. Perhaps we feel that we should be given something for nothing. I don't have the answer, but I am at least aware that a problem exists. Only Jesus can provide purpose and significance in life.

David Hampton is pastor of Zion Hope Baptist Church.

Brookside UMC youth program offers guidance for youth in troubled area



The Brookside United Methodist Church Youth Program serves youngsters in an area of the city with a high level of crime. Clockwise from lower right: Program participant Dalja Eubank; participant Thomas Person; participant Brittany Johnson; Connie Smith, facilitator of the Americorps Reading Rock literacy program; co-director Paula Coleman-Moss and staff member Moses Jones. (Photos/J. Hurst)

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

With just over 100 members, the historic Brookside United Methodist Church, located on the Eastside of Indianapolis, does not have a very large congregation and seems lucky just to be able to take care of its bills.

But this church family has a well-respected youth mission operated by a staff of committed individuals who are quietly working each day to provide social, cultural, educational, recreational and athletic activities for youth.

The Brookside United Methodist Youth Program operates from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. Youth and children aged 6 to 16 who live in the neighborhood surrounding the church arrive after school to enjoy what the initiative has to offer.

Once an individual goes inside the Brookside church building, which seems larger on the inside than it does the outside, they will see a center that has a game room, computer training area, cafeteria, reading area, practice room for performing arts and a newly renovated gym.

Approximately 150 youth come

during each afternoon to enjoy the facility and receive the type of guidance and encouragement they might not receive at home. Many families in the area struggle with many issues such as meeting basic needs for food, clothing and shelter. The meal that the children receive at the program is sometimes the only dinner they receive for the evening. The help they receive with their homework at the program is sometimes the only study time they have - there might not be any money for the light bill so the electricity is turned off when they go home.

"By providing a safe, caring, wholesome place to go after school and positive role models, by promoting ethical, lawful behavior, educational achievement, a positive work ethic and discouraging gang involvement, the program shows participants that there are positive alternatives to the negative actions that go on around them," said Paul Coleman-Moss, who serves as co-director of the program with Venus Smith.

The Brookside program was founded in September 1990, by Robert McKinney, a retired school administrator and former resident of the Brookside neighborhood.

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IN THE SPIRIT

Cee Cee Michaela (right), who played Yvonne in the UPN comedy "Girlfriends," stopped in Indy to speak during a workshop at the Marriott at Keystone at the Crossing. During the event Michaela speaks about her experience as a Christian working in television as Nicole Williamson, CEO of G. Edwards Talent Management, looks on.



Larrissa Scruggs, make-up artist, prepares Michaela's make-up before her speaking engagement. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Caldwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church is on the rebound

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in; Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.' I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me..."

- Nehemiah 2:17-18

This particular Scripture has significant meaning for Caldwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, a close knit Indianapolis congregation that is definitely on the rebound.

On Saturday, two years after a devastating fire destroyed their historic structure, Caldwell Chapel members gathered to celebrate the construction of a new facility that was built on the same property located at 2215 W. 11th St.

During a special dedication service held at noon, Rev. Freddie Bolden, pastor of Caldwell Chapel, led his church family in giving thanks for the new facility. Bishop Warren Brown, who serves in a dual capacity as presiding prelate of the Midwest Episcopal District and prelate of Central Africa, was on hand to lay a new cornerstone. Also present were Henry Clay Tutt, presiding elder of the Evansville district.

"I think the service went very well," Rev. Bolden later said.

This development came as a tremendous blessing to a congregation that has been an anchor for the Haughville area since 1905.

On July 4th of 2002 neighborhood children were playing with fireworks and one accidentally found its way into the pastor's office. By the time a group of church members arrived, the building was mostly engulfed by flames and had to be torn down later.

"During the following two years we just banded together, remained steadfast, and continued to demonstrate our love for God and this neighborhood," said Terry J. Curtis, a church officer and member

of Caldwell Chapel since childhood.

In November the congregation finally raised enough revenue to be able to walk into their new structure, which Rev. Bolden said is 99 percent complete and only needs a few minor finishing touches. It features a new sanctuary, fellowship hall, pastor's study and classrooms.

Despite the tragic fire, Rev. Bolden said Caldwell Chapel has actually been blessed by being faced with the need to construct a new building.

"In the older building, which was built during the mid-1950s, people had to go up stairs to get into the fellowship hall and down stairs to use the restroom facilities," Rev. Bolden noted. "Our membership who's up in age could not handle the steps, so we are happy to now have a building where everything's on one level and is handicapped accessible."

During the reconstruction process church leaders also agreed overwhelmingly to stay in their Haughville community.

"Because the church has been here for so long we could have easily left this area as many churches have already done," Rev. Bolden added. "But many of our members live in this area so we wanted to stay here. In addition there's a whole new generation of young people coming up who are not even familiar with the church, and we hope to be able to expand our efforts in reaching out to them."

"As an A.M.E. Zion church, outreach missions are very important to us," said Curtis. "People still stop by who are hungry and pick up food or need assistance with their utilities. They ask for help and we are happy to give it to them."

In fact, the Caldwell Chapel congregation has continued to be active in the Haughville area through various initiatives such as a "meet the candidates" forum held last week that was designed to introduce residents to candidates running for various local and state offices.

Caldwell Chapel will also host the annual Indiana Annual A.M.E. Zion Conference June 2-6 at Marriott Hotel East.

ACTS OF FAITH

When people say no, Jesus says yes

(Last of two parts)

By **DR. T.W. FRENCH SR.**
Pastor of Divine Revelations
Christian Center Inc.

My brother, sister and I later went to separate foster homes. My sister and I have always remained close, but my little brother and I weren't close at all. While in my foster home, I attended Broad Ripple High School. That was the first school I've ever attended longer than 6 months. I excelled in academics, in athletics and socially. Kids in school had no idea I was in a foster home.

During my high school years, both of my parents were in prison. When I was 18 years old, I went to visit my mother in prison; she wasn't the same intimidating figure I had always known. She was a scared little woman who was proud of her

son. She kept all of my newspaper clippings in a scrapbook.

I had no idea my mother kept up with my achievements. She used to tell me that the other inmates didn't believe that I was her son until I visited her. I saw a vulnerable side of my mother I had never seen.

God has given me the spirit of compassion; I could never hate my mother for my upbringing. I love my mother even more and I know she loved me.

I didn't excel in the secular universities because the call to preach the gospel was very strong. I finished one semester in college and got married to my first wife. In May 1992, my beautiful little mother passed away in her sleep at the young age of 38. I was only 20 years old at the time.

One year later on Dec. 12, 1993 I preached my first sermon, comparing my life to Job's life. The

early years in ministry were very trying times for me. I did some things I had no business doing, and separated from my wife after five years of marriage. We had two girls and a little boy.

I ended up enrolling in Bible College in which I earned a Bachelor's Degree in biblical studies in 1995. In 1998 I earned a Master of Divinity degree. My main focus was God and education, but I was still not actually living an exemplary Christian lifestyle. I enrolled in the doctoral studies program in 2000, but was sent to prison for 18 months.

Prior to going to prison God sent me my helpmate. Even though I had no intention on settling down, God knew that the woman he had for me would be very instrumental in my life and ministry.

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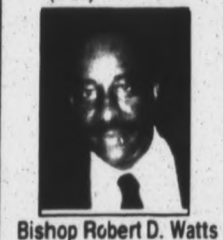
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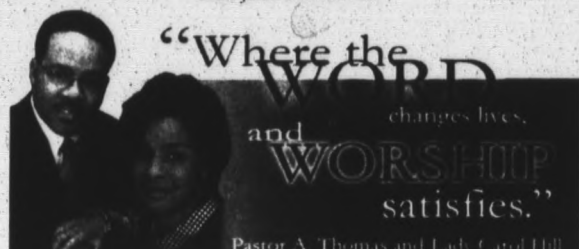
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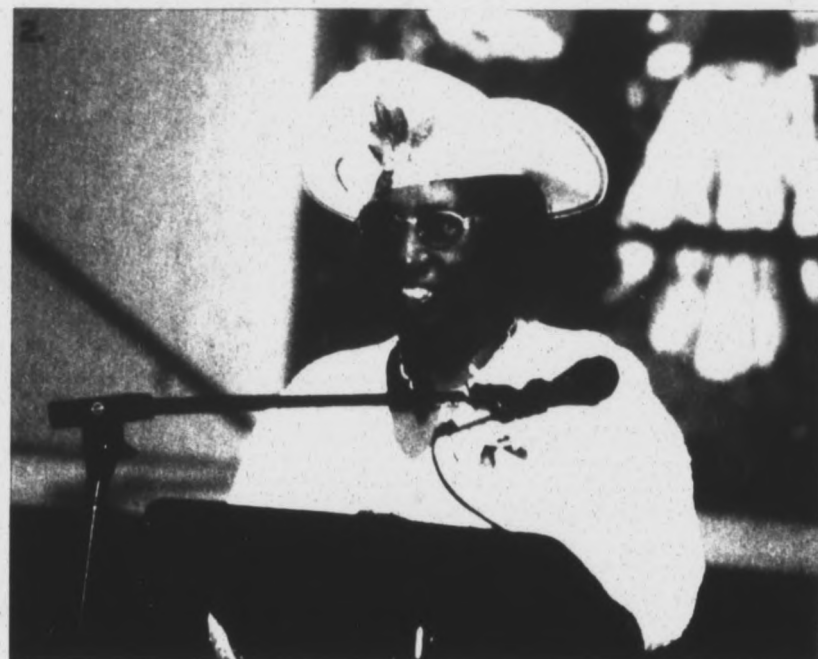
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Friendship's Women in White service



1. Friendship Missionary Baptist Church celebrated the 6th Annual Women in White service last Sunday. Rebecca Meriweather performed a solo selection during the event. (Photos/C. Guyann)

2. This year's mistress of ceremonies was Flora Allen.

3. Guest speaker Benestain Harris addressed the congregation.



BROOKSIDE

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Paula Coleman-Moss, co-director of the Brookside United Methodist Church Youth Program, said she feels blessed to be able to provide three hours of safe recreation for area children each day. (Photos/J. Hurst)

borhood, who saw the need for a positive influence on the youth and children of that area. It started as a simple basketball program but later evolved into a full-scale outreach ministry that currently offers a wide range of activities.

"If it wasn't for this program a lot of kids would be just running around on the streets," said Connie Smith, facilitator of the church's Americorps Reading Rock, a program in which volunteers enjoy books with younger children. "It helps build their character and broadens and enriches their lives."

Davis emphasized, however, that the initiative currently has a pressing need for male volunteers to come on board to present a positive view of adult manhood, and additional volunteers to provide assistance with the reading

program.

"There's a lot of things (in the neighborhood) that kids can get into and find on the streets around here, but we at least offer them a positive option," said Moses Jones, 16, a former program participant who is now a staff member.

The youth seemed to be unanimous in expressing their satisfaction with the program.

"I like it because this is a good way for us to learn about God," stated 11-year-old Brittany Johnson, who enjoys going to the Wednesday Bible study gatherings offered by the program.

"Everyone here is very friendly and I think other kids can have a lot of fun here," added Thomas Person, also 11.

For more information about the Brookside United Methodist Church Youth Program call (317) 636-8883.

FAITH

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While in prison I was the designated chaplain, counselor, father and friend. If it weren't for prison I would have never completed my doctoral studies. I completed my doctoral dissertation while in prison. This may sound strange, but the Apostle Paul's most influential writings were written while he was in prison.

Sometimes, God will remove you from your distractions especially if you are ignoring your calling and anointing from God. I was released from prison three months early due to good behavior. During my brief stint in prison, God still showed me fa-

vor. He allowed me to help those who did not know him. I was married for the second and final time in 2001 to the prayer warrior God has blessed me with. Since my spiritual awakening occurred, God has revealed many positive visions for my ministry.

Since my spiritual awakening has occurred, God has revealed many positive visions for my ministry. Even though I have been labeled as an up and coming academic theologian, I have not lost sight of my mission, which is to preach, teach, to baptize and make disciples.

I eventually earned my Ph.D. in biblical studies in 2003. I was

the youngest graduate in my class. I have received three honorary Doctorate of Divinity degrees, my name was placed on the "Wall of Tolerance" co-chaired by Rosa Parks in Birmingham and I was recently named a Kentucky Colonel by Gov. Paul E. Patton as someone who overcame obstacles many people don't survive.

I am on the board of directors at a seminary in Los Angeles, and God has truly opened doors for me even though people and society told me a poor kid from a dysfunctional family could not make it. I feel I am no better than anyone else; everyone's circumstances are very different. Today,

I am the founding pastor of Divine Revelations Christian Center Inc. and president of Urban Harvest Bible Institute.

I now realize it was not by my might but the power of God to attain what I have. I have yet to reach the full potential God has ordained for me. I am only 32 years old and my journey has just begun.

My trials and tribulations were only preparing me for my job as a pastor. For those who read this, I just want you to realize that if God can bless me throughout all of my mess, he can do the same for you. Remember, when people say no, Jesus says yes.

AL-ISLAM IN AMERICA

The Muslim morning prayer

By IMAM MIKAL SAAHIR

As the first rays of sunlight break the intense dark eastern horizon, in Islamic households faithful Muslims rise from the comforts of their beds to give special prayers to the Creator. This humble event is repeated around the globe in many Islamic societies with each turn (rotation) of the Earth.

Five times a day the faithful are called to pray with the morning call to pray adding the line, "Prayer is better than sleep - prayer is better than sleep."

Allah (G-d) revealed to Prophet Muhammed, prayers and peace be on him, the following Qur'anic verses. Sura (Chapter) 17: ayats (verses) 78-79; "Establish regular prayers - at the sun's decline till the darkness of the night, and the morning prayer and reading; for the prayer and reading in the morning carry

their testimony. And pray in the small watches of the morning: (it would be) an additional prayer (or spiritual profit) for thee: soon will thy Lord raise thee to a station of praise and glory!"

Praying in the still hours after dawn, but before sunrise offers the devotee quiet moments to pray without the normal interference of the day's routine. No radio or television to distract the mind from the sacredness and importance of the words uttered in communication with their Lord.

No babies to attend to, nor telephone calls and doorbells to answer. It is just a quiet time for the assembly of prayer members and their Lord. It is a time to reflect upon those blessings that the rush-rush routine of daily living doesn't allow us to freely reflect upon. The early morning is the time to rise from our sleep and praise G-d.

Yes, even before that first cup of stimulating coffee or relaxing tea, Muslims wash their hands, face - even their arms and feet to

cleanse their external selves while the words of Allah cleanse them internally.

As the beautiful saying relates, "Cleanliness is next to G-dliness." After saying morning prayer Muslims reach for the Holy Qur'an, which normally sits - as a sign of respect - on the highest shelf in the house. They read a small portion of this sacred book to learn and to remind themselves of their role and purpose on as believers on Earth with a focus on their destiny in the afterlife.

This is the start of the day for faithful Muslims. Consciously communicating with their Lord just moments before the early bird sings. Why not - we are, as human beings Allah's best creation here on Earth.

We are the highest evolved creatures with dominion over creation, and given an intellect to consciously remember our Creator; therefore, we must rise early and prepare our day with prayer and reading of scripture if we are to prove ourselves worthy of this noble title of human be-

ing. Allah (G-d) says that he will raise us "to a station of praise and glory!" This is his promise, and surely G-d never breaks his promise.

Allah, through his abundant mercy is constantly redeeming us and raising us higher to be better human beings, excellent human beings. "G-d don't make no junk," stated the little child. Notwithstanding the double-negative in the child's phrase, the statement is true. Allah made us, human beings, good and excellent and has given us prayer as a tool to refine and improve our human excellence. And the morning prayer and reading carry their own testimony. That is the start of each day for the faithful Muslim servant.

We welcome your questions and comments. Please forward them to Al-Islam in America, c/o Imam Mikal Saahir; Nur-Al-Islam Islamic Center; 2040 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN. or via e-mail: nurallah-ic@juno.com.



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Which one of the 'seven deadly sins' is deadlier - pride or greed?

By RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP Religion Writer

Trivia question: What are the "seven deadly sins"?

Alphabetical answer: anger, envy, gluttony, greed, lust, pride and sloth.

A less trivial question: Which is the deadliest of the seven, and why?

Beginning with Thomas Aquinas, Catholic theologians have put pride first because it worsens the other six, just as the seven together are said to undergird all sins.

But in *Greed* (Oxford University Press), Phyllis A. Tickle contends that "greed, by any name, is the mother and matrix, root and consort of all the other sins," the "matriarch of a deadly clan." Lust may be "more socially agreeable" and gluttony "more socially acceptable" to modern Americans, she writes, but greed is "the most social," "the most political" and "the most ubiquitous" of sins.

Her concise but meaty analysis of what makes greed so great ranges from Cicero to the 1987 movie "Wall Street," and often draws upon the fine arts. Some of the best stuff is tucked away in footnotes that make up a third of the book.

Tickle, a former religion editor of Publishers Weekly who lives in Millington, Tenn., is a traditional enough Christian to believe that these evils "still re-enter our being with the birth of every child," a neat summary of the doctrine of original sin.

Though universal and all too

human, sin was long suppressed and only recently readmitted to elite cultural conversation. There's telling proof of sin's ascent in the Oxford University Press series of seven little books on the deadly sins, Tickle's *Greed* included, which expand upon New York Public Library lectures in 2002-2003.

Though the seven get ample attention in the Bible, they're not a literal scriptural listing like the Ten Commandments, but a sixteenth-century formulation by Pope Gregory the Great.

Before delving into the particulars, Tickle provides a sweeping religious scenario. She defines religion as a "rope" of meaning that extends through human history and anchors every human culture and subculture. Effective religions persist for decades and often centuries and beyond.

The three elements of religion, she says, are the spiritual; corporeal (visible institutions found in all successful creeds); and moral, the aspect "we most dread."

To her, recent decades in the West were cataclysmic and filled with enormous change for all three aspects. She likens our time to the first century, when Christianity and rabbinic Judaism both originated, and to the 16th century, when the Protestant Reformation split Western Europe.

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche famously launched the 20th century with the proclamation that God was dead and that greed, envy and hatred were alive as the tools of human development. Simultaneously, Charles Darwin's disciples were dethron-

ing the Creator God and promoting social theories about the "survival of the fittest."

Evildoing came to be attributed to the forces of human biology or psychology, what Tickle calls "the secularization of evil." She says this robbed Westerners "of the energizing and focusing dignity of spiritual struggle" against sin.

The Protestant era had accentuated sin but also gave birth to a system that fostered the temptation toward greed: capitalism. A devoutly Christian Scot, Adam Smith, wrote capitalism's founding manifesto in the year the United States was born.

Tickle says greed has adopted seductive names, including "laissez faire, the social contract, eminent domain, the wealth of nations, free trade." (The latest buzz word, "globalization," goes unmentioned.)

She doesn't exactly say free market economics is immoral, but makes the impolitic comment that Sept. 11 was both "the work and the result of greed."

In a less debatable assertion, she notes the oddity that greed is especially powerful among comfortable people with few material needs.

Greed comes halfway in the Oxford sins series. Still to come are *Anger* by Buddhist scholar Robert Thurman, *Pride* by Black analyst Michael Eric Dyson and *Sloth* by playwright Wendy Wasserstein.

Last question. What are the - alas - far less prominent "seven heavenly virtues?" Faith, fortitude, hope, justice, love, prudence and temperance.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS
1. JULIA SWARTZ
2. TRIO AGRA EVITA
3. AESOP RADU RAID CABAL
4. DEAR PAT NOTICED NINE
5. ANYONE WHO THINKS OLD AGE
6. VETERAN
7. POSIT MARIO BRA DRAWN
8. AMID DIGIN MRED MOE
9. PAL TEXAN CAIRO JAYNE
10. ANATOLE AORITA SOR
11. ISCOLE MUSKOT HAVE
12. ITA LAUGH SANTANA
13. CHEFS AMISH FEARS LOB
14. OIL CAVE SARGE MILE
15. DEFER ONE PAUSE CADAT
16. LEN EATS ELK
17. HAD A VERVE EXCITING YOUTH
18. EROS WOOSTER NAG BRO
19. MONTY LUTE ISAK ABOUT
20. SONIA EVELIN SALLE PEACE
21. MACK SEED TOLD TATE

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Ernest Nelson Bigbee was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on December 30, 1910. He moved to Indianapolis when he was two years old. He attended Arsenal Technical High School and graduated from Attucks High School. He married Abner Cordelia Dunville, and worked at Paper Package as a millwright, machinist, and pattern maker. In February, 1975, when his wife died, he moved to Heppner, Oregon. Later, he moved to Salinas, California, where he was living when he died. He is survived by his daughters, Myrna Heil of Portland, Oregon, and Martha Lumpkin, of Salinas, California; two grandchildren, Suzan, Lumpkin of Columbia, Maryland, and Louis "Jerry" Lumpkin, Jr., of Salinas, California; and one great grandson, Louis "L.J." Lumpkin III. There will be a requiem service on April 29, 2004, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon.

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Army erred in seeking civilians' names at forum on Islam

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Army counterintelligence agents improperly tried to gather information on civilian participants at a University of Texas conference on Islam, the Army has acknowledged.

Two agents of the Army's Intelligence and Security Command from Fort Hood went to the law school on Feb. 9, seeking information on people who attended a conference titled "Islam and the Law: The Question of Sexism."

Conference organizers and civil rights activists accused the Army of spying on the conference and using tactics meant to stifle free speech.

The Army is prohibited from investigating civilians unless the FBI waives its jurisdiction or requests assistance, and that was not done, said Deborah Parker, a spokeswoman for the Army Intelligence and Security

Command, based at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"It was a lapse in judgment," Parker said. "It was not something that was done maliciously."

The conference, which had taken place a week earlier, was open to the public.

Conference organizers said they refused to give the agents a list of participants and a video of the event.

Maunica Sthanki, co-chairwoman of the UT Chapter of the National Lawyer's Guild, said the conference did not merit military suspicion.

"The message I think that the Army and the government are sending is that anybody who chooses to learn about Islam is going to be investigated," she said. "I don't think the American public should accept that message of fear, and that's why the issue isn't over."

Metropolitan MBC



The congregation at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church honored Pastor Rev. Kevin D. Long and his wife Robyn Evans-Long for nine years of pastoral appreciation.



The pastoral anniversary guest speaker was Rev. Robert A. Lee. (Photos/C. Guynn)

RELIGION BRIEFS

Brebeuf alumni day of prayer

Graduates of Jesuit and other Catholic high schools, colleges and universities are invited to participate in a Jesuit Alumni Day of Prayer at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School on May 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Brebeuf Jesuit Alumni Board and Charis Ministries Alumni of all ages sponsor this day of prayer and faith traditions are welcome.

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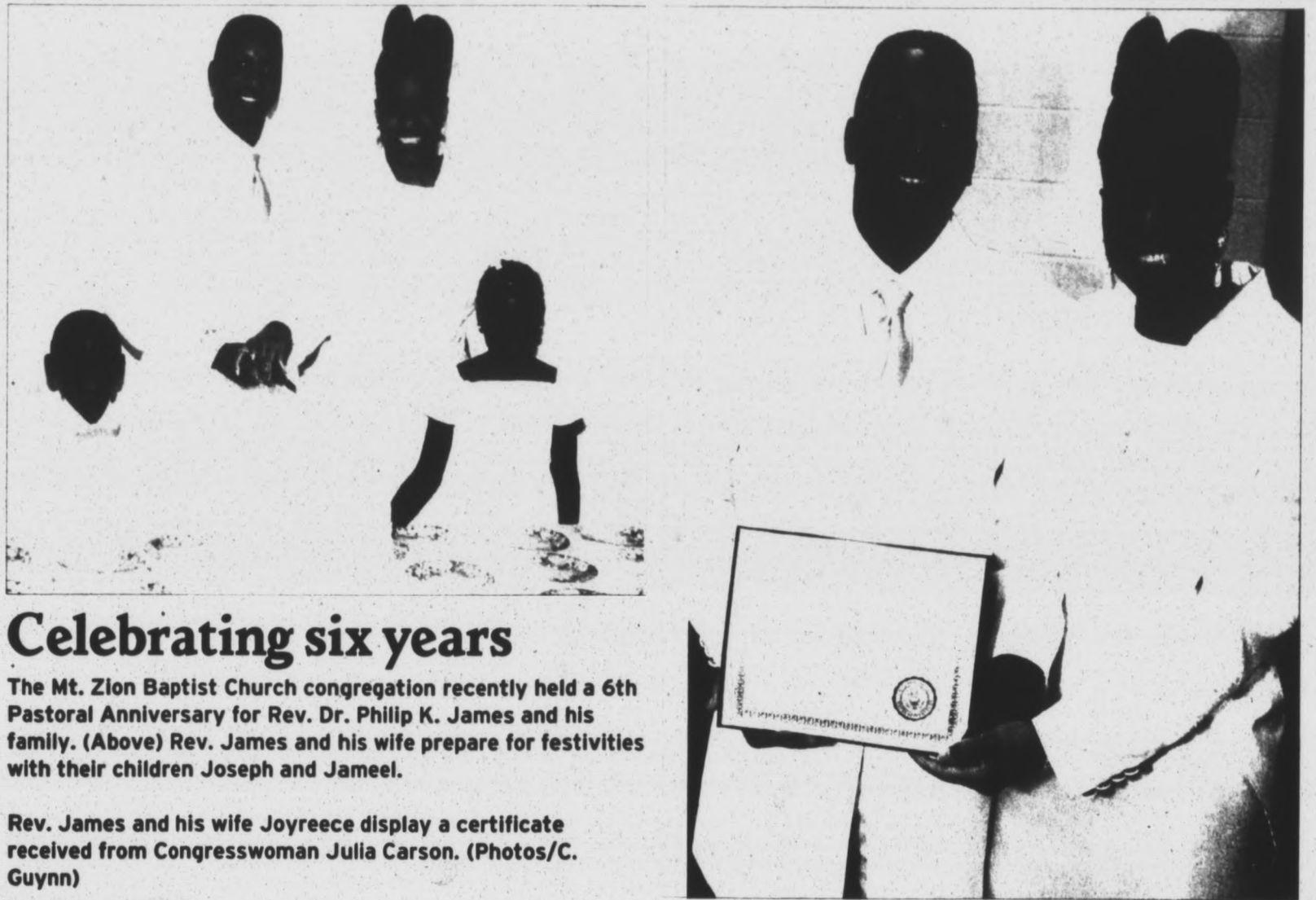
Mother, daughter healing day

Women of the Word International Conferences and Outreach Ministries Inc. will host the "Healing Mother and Daughters" program.

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The event will be held on May 7 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Marrott Banquet Room, 2625 N. Meridian St. No registration is required and child care is not available.

For more information contact Paula Sargent at (317) 254-0578.



Celebrating six years

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church congregation recently held a 6th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Dr. Philip K. James and his family. (Above) Rev. James and his wife prepare for festivities with their children Joseph and Jameel.

Rev. James and his wife Joyreece display a certificate received from Congresswoman Julia Carson. (Photos/C. Guynn)

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Health department warns Hoosiers of diseases from mosquitoes

 By ERICKA C. WHEELER
 Staff Writer

In come the summer months and with the summer months come mosquito season, but the Marion County Health Department (MCHD) wants to make sure that Hoosiers are protected and understand the dangers that mosquitoes carry.

Because of greater population and poorly managed sewage and gutters, Center Township is at a greater risk of contracting the mosquito carrying West Nile virus, than are surrounding counties and townships.

"Gutters, poorly operating septic systems, small pools, ornamental garden pools and even containers used to water livestock and pets need to be checked and cleaned regularly," said Mosquito Program Administrator Chuck Dulla.

To help reduce the potential for West Nile virus, MCHD asks that residents clear out their bird-baths, gutters, pick up trash and containers around the homes and in their neighborhoods. Proper storage of tires, which collect water, will eliminate the transmission of the West Nile virus.

"The species that breed in the water in those containers are the ones that can transmit the West Nile virus. The container-breeding mosquitoes are the ones that we want to target in the neighborhoods of Marion County. Just picking up some of the trash in alleys in Center Township will make a significant difference," said Jim Erwin, MCHD biologist for Mosquito Control.

Some question if the West Nile virus is a danger to humans; Erwin believes it is.

"I have already read reports that there is a probable human case in Ohio. We know that the West Nile virus is still out there and history tells us that it is probably not going to go away," he said.

To determine the severity of West Nile virus outbreaks in the county, biologists look at the history of weather factors. The year 2002 was a drought year, very dry and hot temperatures resulting in 40 cases of West Nile virus in Marion County with three of them resulting in deaths.

In 2003, the weather was a lot cooler with plenty of rain, which flushed the containing breeders out, and only

two human cases of the virus were reported.

"We look at the weather factors as far as temperatures and rain fall and see how that may influence the breeding of the mosquitoes and the numbers that we may have," Erwin said.

To help control the mosquito population, biologists such as Erwin randomly check pools of mosquitoes. In 2002, 224 pools of mosquitoes were found positive of the West Nile virus and last year 80 pools were positive.

"There was a reduction of West Nile virus activity across the board last year compared to 2002," Erwin stated.

History shows that mosquito-borne diseases have been a problem with humans for many years. In the past mosquitoes carried malaria.

"We don't have malaria in Indiana anymore, but we do still have the mosquitoes that can transmit it. So mosquito diseases have been a problem for humans for many of years," he said.

People can protect themselves from getting mosquito bites by wearing long sleeved shirts and pants and using a product with DEET as a repellent against mosquitoes. Children are also recommended to wear DEET repellents but at a reduced portion.

Symptoms of the West Nile virus are similar to the common cold or summer flu. For those with weakened immune systems, including the elderly, symptoms may be a prolonged fever, headache, and nausea. For more severe cases, the nervous system may be affected.

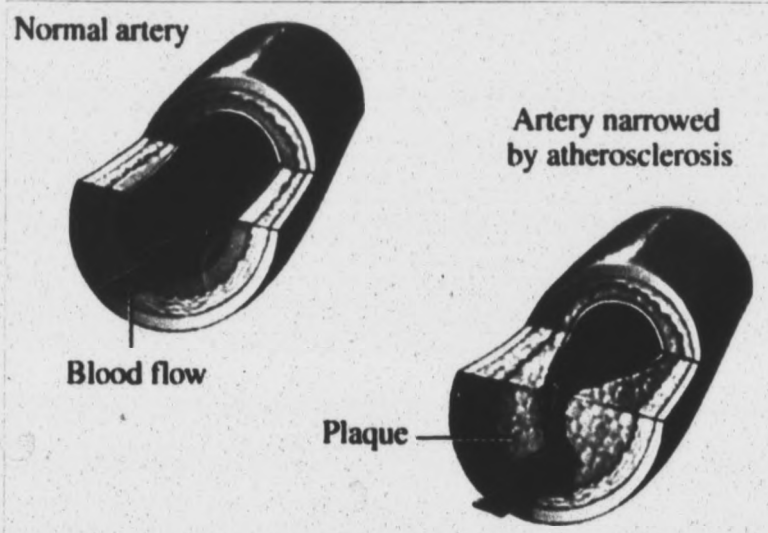
"If I am talking to the public about West Nile virus and they ask me, 'when do I see a doctor?' Well, whenever you get concerned would be my answer," Erwin said. "So anytime you are concerned that West Nile may be cause, see a doctor."

Erwin said that MCHD will do a variety of things to help control mosquito-borne diseases. "We have education programs where we pass out pamphlets to neighborhoods and school children," he said.

"Keep in mind that mosquitoes don't fly very far. They may come out from a water-filled tire in your backyard, and they will be biting you and your neighbors more than likely. They are not going to be flying a mile down the road to bite somebody when they have a convenient blood mill real close."



Lawnmower for clogged arteries



OKLAHOMA CITY (Ivanhoe Newswire) — Peripheral vascular disease affects around 10 million Americans, causing pain due to clogged arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs. Some even end up having their limbs amputated. Now, a new device may improve the quality of life for all patients with PVD.

Walking wasn't always this easy for Edith McAdams. She says, "I just couldn't hardly drag myself out there. I could only take two or three steps at a time before I had to stop to rest."

McAdams looked and felt good, but even ordinary tasks were difficult - so difficult, she could only vacuum sitting down. Fed up, she went to peripheral vascular surgeon Jim Melton, D.O., at Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, who had a solution.

"Most of the time, people don't even realize they have

a problem," Dr. Melton tells Ivanhoe. "They think it's due to aging and the inability to walk because of arthritis or different things."

For McAdams, help came from an outpatient procedure using a new device. It acts like a lawnmower by cutting the plaque and getting rid of it.

Melton says, "It has a very fast-turning blade on one side, whichever way you turn it, and it just shaves the plaque, and the plaque is caught in a nose cone at the end of the device. We're able to get across or repair paths of total occlusions, or 100 percent blockages, a lot more frequently than we were without the device."

McAdams says it's changed her life. "It is the most marvelous thing that has happened in the world that I can think of. It has helped me 100 percent."

Doctors add that since the procedure is done non-surgically, there is significantly less risk to the patient.

FIT FOR LIVING

Healthy moms and daughters

 By ANTHONY DAVIS
 For The Recorder

Dear A.D.:

I'm afraid that my daughter is on a path to being unhealthy. She's slightly overweight for her age, but I don't think it's hereafter, because we eat pretty healthy meals, and she doesn't really even eat much at dinner.

I was an athlete in school, and I can't understand why she doesn't enjoy any sports. We've tried her in soccer and basketball, but she just doesn't get into it. My husband and I really want to be sure she starts off on the right track and doesn't take bad habits into high school.

Juanita S.

Juanita:

I can tell you are really concerned about your daughter's health. There are a few strategies I might recommend that may help her out.

Nutrition wise, you said, that you eat pretty healthy meals, but what type of nutrition choices does she make on her own? Do you discuss what she has for lunch at school? What types of snacks does she have accessible for her?

If she doesn't have much of an appetite at the dinner table,

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Playing it Safe during the not-so-lazy days of summer

Submitted by the Health Education, Promotion and Training Department of the Marion County Health Department

The busy summer months of May through August are anything but lazy to most parents. As soon as kids hear the bell ring signaling the end of the school year, parks fill with soccer and baseball players, pools with swimmers and backyards with friends. For parents and kids, summer is a great time to be outdoors relaxing, playing and spending time as a family.

While parents and kids may think of summer as the season for fun, emergency room staff refers to it as trauma season. More unintentional childhood deaths and injuries occur between May and August than any other time of the year. With more children engaging in outdoor activities, there is an increased risk of being seriously injured or killed.

Safety on Wheels

When summer rolls around, kids head straight for their bikes to explore new trails and ride until they're called in for dinner. Riding bikes can give kids a sense of independence and adventure; yet if misused, bikes can be dangerous. Children often attempt risky stunts and exhibit careless behavior, which can result in tragedy - especially if they fail to take the necessary precaution of wearing a bike helmet to protect them from head injuries.

Nationally each year, more than 200 children ages 14 and under are killed and nearly 362,000 are injured in bicycle-related incidents. The majority of all bicycle fatalities occur in the summer months. Following are safe cycling guidelines recommended by the National SAFE KIDS Campaign:

■ Purchase an approved bicycle helmet for each child. Insist the

helmet is worn correctly every time the child goes for a ride. Helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent and brain injury by as much as 88 percent. Only buy helmets that meet or exceed safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, American National Standards Institute (ANSI), American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

■ Teach children safe bicycling behaviors. Emphasize the fact that a bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy. More than 80 percent of bicycle-related fatalities are associated with the child's behavior, including riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign and riding against the flow of traffic.

■ Make sure the child's bicycle works properly. Are reflectors secure? Are the brakes tested. Can the child completely grasp hand brakes? Does the bicycle stop right away? Make sure gears shift smoothly and tires are secured tightly and are properly inflated.

■ Familiarize yourself with the child's bicycling environment. Encourage the child to bike in safe environments, such as those with bicycle paths.

■ Have your children wear bright colored clothing so drivers can spot them more easily.

Safe Swimming

What better way to cool off from scorching summer temperatures than by taking a dip in the pool or a swim at the beach. Pools, oceans and water parks are packed with happy swimmers and waders in the summer, but all have the potential to become a disaster for children if proper supervision and precautions are not provided. Nationally drowning takes the lives of nearly 1,000 children ages 14 and under each year, ranking

as the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death to children in this age group. For every child that drowns, an additional four are hospitalized for near-drownings. Children ages 4 and under have the highest drowning death rate, a rate two to three times greater than other age groups, and account for 80 percent of home drownings. If water plays a role in your family's summer activities, the National SAFE KIDS Campaign suggests the following tips to make sure water activities remain safe:

■ Never leave children alone in or near water. Parents and caregivers should always watch while children are playing in or near water, even in shallow wading pools. Children can drown in as little as one inch of water - and it can happen in the short amount of time it takes to answer the telephone.

■ Children should learn to swim. Enroll children in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors when your child is ready, usually after age 4. Community pools, recreation centers, schools and camps offer child swimming and water safety lessons.

■ Do not assume your child is drown-proof. Even though your child may have taken lessons and learned to swim, he or she still needs constant supervision.

■ Adults and kids over age 13 should learn infant and child CPR. Also, adults who do not know how to swim should learn.

■ Do not let children dive into water unless an adult is present and knows that the depth of the water is greater than nine feet.

Make sure your summer is a time your family will look back on with joy. The National SAFE KIDS Campaign urges you to follow these simple safety tips to ensure this summer is both a safe and happy one for you and your family.

For more information, visit www.safekids.org



Safe & fun summer events for kids

The Indianapolis SAFE KIDS Coalition, a group of local community organizations committed to the health and safety of children, led by the Marion County Health Department, works to raise awareness about unintentional injuries, provide prevention education and distribute safety devices to families with children ages 0-14 years in the greater Indianapolis area.

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The theme for National SAFE KIDS Week 2004 is "Splash Into Safety!"

In recognition of this theme, four booths will be created to promote water safety around lakes, pools, bathtubs and retention ponds. Attendees will receive a bag filled with additional safety information and an incentive for participating!

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it might be because she's snacking on a little too much or on the wrong foods after school. Try to screen the kitchen and replace any unhealthy snack choices like chips, crackers, cookies, etc. with fruit and nuts.

As far as her activities, there are two approaches I would take for recreation as well as organized sports. One reason that she may not take well to traditional sports is that she may not have developed good athletic skills and may feel uncomfortable or self-conscious about playing with kids who may have participated in sports for years.

It may help her if you are able to have someone help her with basic athletic, agility and coordination skills as well as fundamen-

tal skill sets for the specific sport (like dribbling in basketball for example).

Most important, don't give up - keep trying to expose her to a variety of different sports. Think outside of the box as well - you might try golf, tennis and volleyball for example.

Also, you and your husband should get involved with her in recreational fitness activities. Fun family outings like bike riding in the park or skating lead to great quality time and will help all of you remain active and fit!

Your trainer,
A.D.

For a great kick-start to get in shape for summer, bring your daughters to the Minority Health

Coalition of Marion County Sisters Health Circle Mother-Daughter Fitness Rally.

It will be May 8 from noon - 3 p.m. at Washington Park Recreation Center.

There will be health screenings, muscle toning, dancing and a 3k walk/run. The event is free and open to the public.

Have a question? Send it to fitforliving@echelonfit.com, or call (317) 592-9115.

Anthony Davis is a Certified Personal Trainer with the American Council on Exercise. You can find more information about fitness and nutrition at www.echelonfit.com. Please consult your physician before pursuing an exercise activity.

Don't ignore a child's heel pain

(NAPSI) — Indoors and outdoors, children stay active year-round in competitive sports and other physical activities, but sometimes heel pain can leave them sitting on the sidelines.

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons recommends that when a child complains of heel pain, it should be treated right away.

Heel pain commonly occurs in children ages 8 to 14 as their feet grow and the heel bone develops. "As more children get active in competitive sports, they increase their risk for growth-plate injuries and subsequent heel pain," said Matthew Williams, DPM, FACFAS, a podiatric foot and ankle surgeon in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Williams added that children and adolescents often are reluctant or unable to give a complete history or cooperate with a physical exam, so a thorough work-up is required to pinpoint the exact cause of the symptoms. "New bone forms in an area behind the heel, known as the growth plate, and cartilage is vulnerable to severe inflammation from strain or stress. With repeated stresses and strains from overactivity, the heel becomes very painful," he explained.

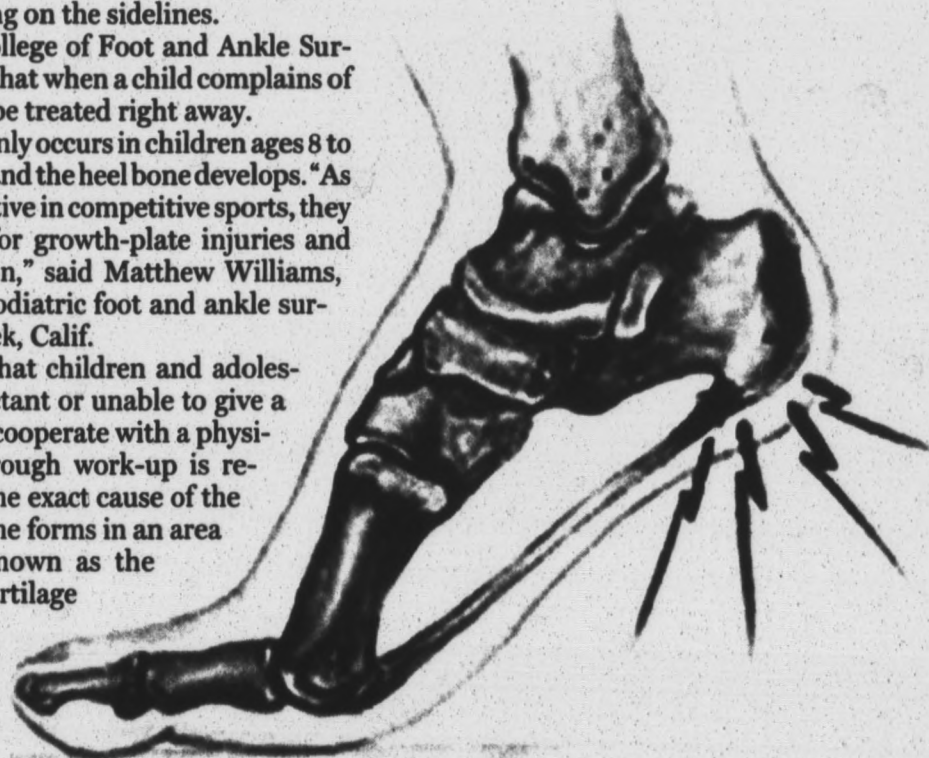
Even though growth-plate injury is the leading cause of heel pain in children, Williams said the condition can be difficult to diagnose. He cautioned that parents should be concerned if a child has pain in the back or bottom of the heel, limps, walks on the toes, or seems to have difficulty participating in normal recreational activities. To achieve an exact diagnosis, podiatric foot and ankle surgeons thoroughly examine the child's foot and leg and often take x-rays.

Depending on the severity of the child's heel pain, treatments range from simply reducing physical activity to surgery. In most cases, mild or moderate heel pain can be treated successfully with shoe inserts to soften the impact on the heel, anti-

inflammatory medications, stretching exercises and physical therapy. In severe cases, the foot and ankle will be immobilized in a cast and, in some instances, surgery might be necessary to lengthen the Achilles tendon or correct another problem.

Children's heel pain can return after treatment because the growth plate is still forming until the age of 14 or 15. However, the risk for recurrence can be lowered by choosing well-constructed shoes with good support and restricting use of spiked athletic shoes, especially on hard fields.

For further information about pediatric heel pain and to locate a podiatric foot and ankle surgeon in your area, visit www.FootPhysicians.com.



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Low 'health literacy' called widespread

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half of American adults face higher risks of health problems because of trouble understanding medical terms and directions, experts said in a report that calls for a national effort to improve health literacy.

Comprehending medicine's arcane jargon is difficult for even the most educated of laymen. It's almost impossible for millions who can't read well, aren't fluent in English, or have vision or cognitive problems caused by aging.

Now the prestigious Institute of Medicine has put a number on just how many people have "limited health literacy" - a surprising 90 million adults.

They have problems following instructions on drug labels, interpreting hospital consent forms, even understanding a doctor's diagnosis and instructions.

It's a problem exacerbated by the increasing complexity of the nation's health care system - one contributing to health disparities among the poor and minorities - and it may be costing billions of dollars in avoidable costs, the report concludes.

Shame and stigma play a big role, the report found. Patients are embarrassed about reading difficulty or worried the doctor will think they're dumb if they ask questions.

But even the college-educated can have a hard time with medical information like this example the institute uncovered: "Patients should be monitored for extraocular CMV infections and reinitiated in the opposite eye." That instruction wasn't written for doctors - it was on a treatment information sheet for patients.

Another example cited: The mother who poured an oral antibiotic into a 2-year-old's infected ear, because the prescription label didn't say to swallow the liquid.

Among the report's recommendations:

- The government should pay for research on ways to improve

health literacy.

- Accrediting organizations should require that schools follow national health education standards, from elementary school through college.

- Health organizations and medical schools should teach health literacy and how to communicate with patients.

HEALTH BRIEFS

Infants with eczema needed for clinical study

Dermatologists at the Indiana University School of Medicine are enrolling infants in a study to determine if a medication to treat eczema can prevent or delay the onset of asthma.

The cream medication, Elidel, already is FDA approved for treatment of eczema in children 2 years of age and older. To participate in this study, infants must be between 3 months and 18 months of age, have had eczema for less than three months, and have a parent or sibling with a history of eczema, allergies or asthma.

For more information, contact Sheryl at 274-3948.

New walk celebrates cancer survivors and their loved ones

The Central Indiana Cancer Survivors Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 in downtown Indianapolis. The survivors walk will provide a meaningful opportunity to

celebrate cancer survivors and affirm their struggles and victories. Proceeds from the event will provide programs of emotional support, education and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones at the Wellness Community.

To volunteer to serve on the planning committee or as a day-of-event volunteer, or to receive a copy of the Cancer Survivors Walk registration brochure, call 257-1505.

Bayh announces \$778,810 for Indiana long-term care support

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., announced that Indiana will receive nearly \$778,810 to create "one-stop centers" throughout the state to help senior and disabled Hoosiers choose between long-term support options, such as in-home services and nursing home care. The new Aging and Disability Resource Centers will be designed to offer assistance to Hoosier families who otherwise might not have known how to find affordable help or medical care.

BOOKMARK

Guide offers advice
to Black womenBy KAM WILLIAMS
For The Recorder

(*The Angry Black Woman's Guide to Life* by Denene Miller, Angela Burt-Murray and Mitzi Miller Plume, 160 pp., illus., \$12.)

"When most people think of angry Black women (ABW), they think of it in a negative, stereotypical, neck-swizzling, eye-rolling, and, worst of all, dismissive kind of way - as if whenever we have an opinion, or stand up for ourselves, that we have an attitude, that we're miserable, that we need a man. That we're just plain mad. But you know what? We're not mad. We don't have attitude problems. We're not miserable. We're angry for a reason. We Black women have to work three times as hard to get half the respect and significantly less pay to simply be in the room with everyone else..."

- Excerpted from Chapter 1

Are you an angry Black woman (ABW)? Or do you know any? If so, you might be in a better mood after reading *The Angry Black Woman's Guide to Life*, which takes a lighthearted look at ABWs, putting them in a cultural context, while identifying different types and sympathetically illustrating why they might be so mad.

Though its catchy title sounds politically incorrect, its contents are anything but.

The book was written by Denene Miller, Angela Burt-Murray and Mitzi Miller, a trio of self-described ABWs, who also happen to be editors at Parenting, Teen People and Jane magazines, respectively.

Rather than be intimidated by a society which tends to dismiss African-American females for simply asserting themselves, these sassy sisters embraced their inner anger, learned how to channel it constructively, and now invite the rest of sisterdom to follow suit.

Though obviously not intended to be taken totally seriously, this handy how-to text mixes some serious social commentary in with silly quizzes, amusing lists and comical charts designed to make any reader laugh while reflecting.

Thus, after explaining what qualified such cultural icons as Rosa Parks, Aretha Franklin and Anita Hill to be ABWs, the book presents a 16 question test to determine whether you're a "cuss you out in a heartbeat" type like Aunt Esther from "Sanford and Son," a "silent stewart" ala Diana Ross, or "in denial" like Condoleezza Rice.

This entertaining and informative guide could prove priceless to any young girl in need of finding the gumption to stand up for herself. The authors take the time not only to identify successful ABWs, but to shed light on both the source of their anger and how they channeled it in positive fashion.

For example, the entry about Harriet Tubman shows that she was understandably incensed about being a slave and having her children taken away from her and sold. It goes on to indicate that she subsequently put her rage to good use by first escaping to the North and then returning to lead over 300 others to freedom via the Underground Railroad.

Besides history lessons, there's level-headed advice for surviving in corporate America, relating to Black men, and dealing with well-meaning, but racist white people.

Then there are lots of lists, like 100 Things That Make ABWs Happy, their Must-See Movies, Must Read Books and Must Hear Albums. Despite the fact that, stylistically, it reads like an extended article from the type of magazines these authors already work for, *The Angry Black Woman's Guide to Life* takes its subject-matter seriously enough to earn a high recommendation.

Streetball Challenge brings 'The Hype'

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

The Hype magazine hosted The Hype Magazine Streetball Tournament Saturday at Washington Park inside the newly constructed recreation center.

The challenge had six teams put together by local businesses competing against each other in a single-elimination tournament.

"This event is to bring people together," said Jameelah Wilkerson, publisher of The Hype. "We wanted to bring (rap) labels together to get to know who owns them, and also introduce the labels to each other."

Wilkerson, who started the magazine by herself, used the event not only to get the name of her magazine out but also to meet the people who will be featured in it.

Eddie Arnold, the founder of MF Entertainment and his partner Erick "Birdman" Walker are two of those people.

"We're trying to get exposure," said Arnold, but that wasn't his only reason for being there. "It's



The Hype magazine held its first Streetball Challenge at Washington Park Family Recreation Center Saturday. Teams competed in 5-on-5 games at an event that gave people a positive activity to participate in. There was also a slam dunk contest where some players showed off their dunking skills. (Photos/J. Cohen)

all about the community."

Many of the players were there to serve as role models to kids in a community who don't always see positive things.

"This is excellent because there are so many people in the community who are used to not doing anything," said Brian Ponder, a former IUPUI player and member of the Budweiser team. "Hopefully this event will promote more things like it."

Dwayne Gibson who does booking and promotions for Trife Life Records, co-sponsors of the tournament, agrees with Ponder.

"I believe this gives positive vibes as far as an outlet," said Gibson. "You can stay in one building all day. For them to put this facility up is really a plus for the neighborhood. This is the first Black event to be held here since they stopped the Black Expo picnic."

Gibson, also known as the Sandwich Man, provided food and drinks at the event.

The games were fun but mostly intense, as no team wanted to lose any face with a defeat.

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'Man on Fire' deserves
No. 1 spot at box officeBy ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Denzel Washington's new flick "Man on Fire" deserves to be No. 1. Earning \$23 million the opening weekend surpassed the \$22.6 million opening of Washington's Oscar winning performance in "Training Day."

Set in Mexico City, Washington plays John Creasy, an ex-undercover cop with a drinking problem who hasn't had a steady job in a while. His long-time friend Rayburn, played by Christopher Walken, a wealthy Mexican businessman gets Creasy a job as a bodyguard for the 9-year-old daughter of Mexico City industrialist Samuel Ramos, played by Latin singer Marc Anthony.

Although Creasy admits to Ramos that he has a drinking problem, his response is, "Well, we won't tell my wife about it." It makes you wonder what Ramos' underlying reason is for hiring an alcoholic who has no experience as a bodyguard.

Nevertheless, Creasy settles into his new home (a small room in the back of the house) and prepares to prevent Ramos' daughter Pita from becoming the 17th child kidnapped in two weeks for ransom.

Pita, played by Dakota Fanning, is a lively and cheerful girl who takes a liking to Creasy even though he's cold towards

her and repeatedly tells her that he is not her friend and to stop asking questions.

Moments after Creasy tries to kill himself, Pita catches him standing outside in the rain and later tells her mother that "he's like a big, sad bear" and this is the moment she begins to help Creasy find his meaning in life again.

They begin to share moments where Pita finds Creasy smiling and teases him because he never smiles. Their bond deepens as Creasy teaches Pita how to become a better swimmer and when she wins the meet he's cheering and walking alongside the pool as if he were her father. It's easy to see that their relationship is blossoming. And then she's kidnapped.

After being shot multiple times during the kidnapping, Creasy is unable to save Pita but after learning of her death he becomes determined to kill everyone who was involved in the crime.

Washington's performance is comparable to the crooked cop he played in "Training Day" and if you don't fall in love with Fanning after a few scenes you may need to get your emotions checked out. And who would have thought Anthony could make you forget that he gyrates his hips and sings love songs to women for a living.

"Man on Fire" will not be mentioned at next year's award shows, but it's definitely worth checking out.

IN THE ART SCENE



Mari Evans received the Lifetime Achievement Award during the Nuvo Cultural Vision Awards. The awards ceremony is Nuvo's way of recognizing talented individuals and notable organizations that make Indiana unique.

Former congressman Andy Jacobs presents an award to State Rep. William Crawford (D-Indianapolis).



Ike Boyde and Helger Oomkes, owners of United States of Mind, also presented an award during the ceremony. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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Cinco de Mayo Celebration:

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Cinco de Mayo Celebration

El Sol de Tala • May 5

Indy in Revue

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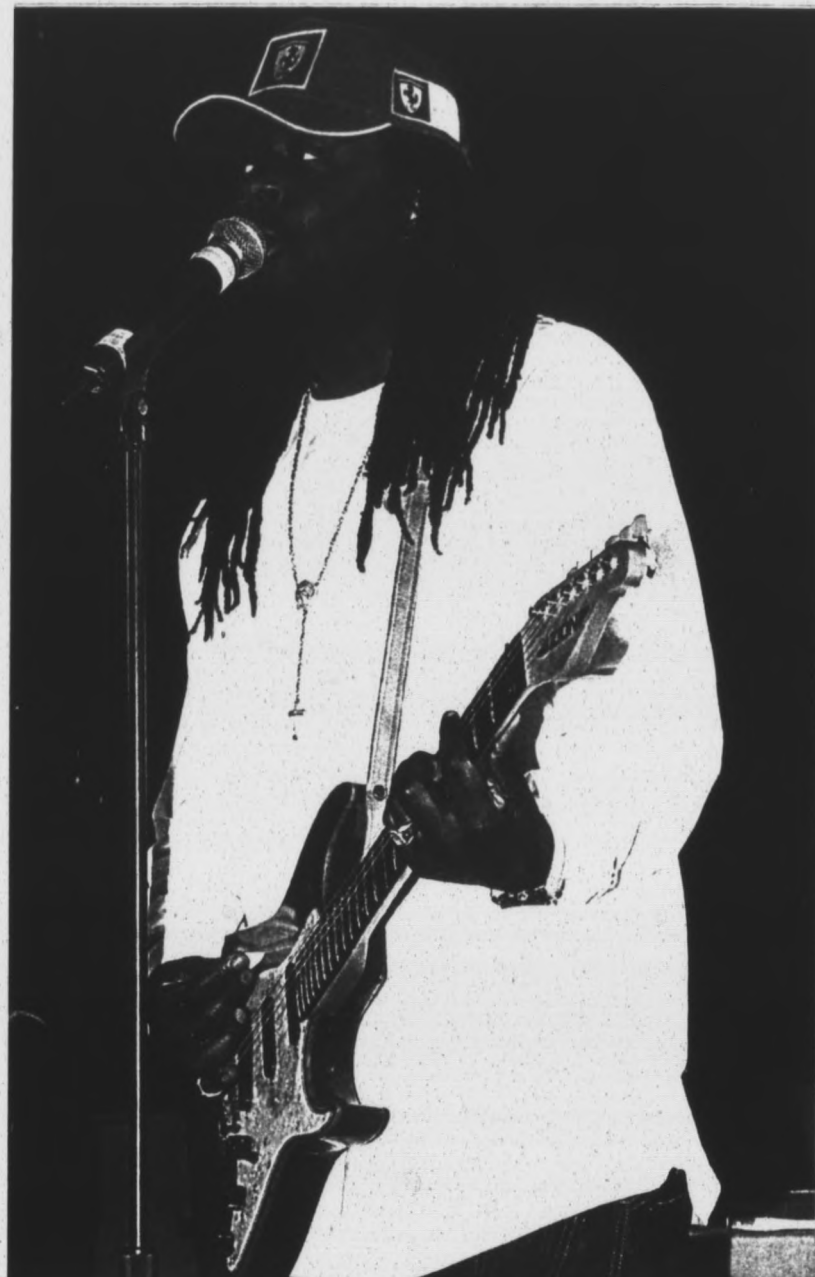
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10th Annual Guy Black Talent Show

Radio One personality Guy
Black served as the master of
ceremonies during the 10th
Annual Guy Black Talent
Search.Joy, the winner of this year's
search sang a popular Whitney
Houston song.Rap group 3 on 3, who are signed to Wyclef Jean's label, show
off their talent in front of a large Indianapolis crowd. The group
hails from The Bronx in New York City.Hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean performs some of his hits including
the popular release "911" that he recorded with Mary J. Blige.
(Photos/J. Hurst)

'Kill Bill' is a major score for rap artist RZA

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
Associated PressUsually, when a rapper breaks
into movies, he's in front of the
camera.But RZA, a founding member
and main producer of the Wu-
Tang Clan, had a different idea -
scoring films. His dreams have
come true with the "Kill Bill" films.Director Quentin Tarantino per-
sonally picked RZA to compose
the music for the two-part saga.
RZA, born Robert Diggs, got
his start scoring films with 1999's
"Ghost Dog: The Way of the
Samurai." That the 37-year-old
rap star has scored three movies
involving martial arts is no coin-
cidence: he's a lifelong lover of
kung-fu flicks, as the name of his
group demonstrates.Where did your love of kung-
fu movies start?It was definitely a common love
in the ghetto community regard-
less, in all the 'hoods. On Satur-
day afternoons, a lot of kids got it
from TV. Everybody would stay
in the house, and then ... you see
all the kids kicking and punching
each other.Are you a master in any martial
art?I'm a chi-kung practitioner. It's
the root of all martial arts. It's
considered more like an internal
martial arts.How does "Kill Bill" stack up
against kung-fu classics?"Kill Bill" came out beautifully.
Of course, Hong Kong action
films, and Japanese action films,
they are the masters of it because
they are the fathers of it in their
own way. But, I think Quentin
has really produced and directed
one of the best martial-arts films
done by Hollywood, shall I say.

Did you ever consider acting?

Any person in the world would

want to see themselves on TV or
on the movies, I mean, that's like
a kid's dream. But I'm known for
music. ... My music is cinematic
anyway. Maybe somebody will
recognize that I have a talent for
acting or talent for directing. Af-
ter hanging around Quentin for
two or three years, and hanging
around John Woo, I think direct-
ing is probably my niche, I mean
more than acting. I would love to
see myself on screen kissing a
beautiful girl. (But) I'm more of a
behind-the-scenes guy.Are you more critical of the
way movies are scored now?I'm an action-film lover more
than anything, and to me, most
action films have trashy music. It
doesn't really match the scene.
It's some techno going on, and it's
not moving with the movement
of the film or the movement of the
action. I've been complaining
about that for years. I think the
people who approach it, they don't
know action films, and they don't
know music either.Rumor has it there has been
some dissension in the Wu-Tang
Clan recently.I don't know if dissension is
the word to use. But, Wu-Tang
Clan - clan means family, you
know what I mean? You get any
group of family of people, you're
going to always have sibling rival-
ries, confusion. That's basically
what we're going through.Do you think Wu-Tang mem-
ber ODB, who was recently re-
leased from prison, will be able to
come back the way he was?I think his talent is going to
speak for himself. There's nobody
like him in the game. He's got a
lot of problems he's got to iron
out, of course, but as far as a one-
of-a-kind person, a one-of-a-kind
artist, he's one of a generation,
one of a lifetime. He's a very rare
commodity.With so many Wu-Tang mem-
bers doing different things, is it
hard to come back together?Whatever I'm doing, no mat-
ter what any of the other broth-
ers are doing, I'm quite sure when
the flag goes up, we're going to
answer the call. Personally, I
think the fans deserve more clo-
sure. It's OK if we never did an-
other album again, because we
sold a lot of records, influenced a
lot of minds. But I think it's only
right and exact that we do an-
other album.Could Wu-Tang hang with the
kids today, rap wise?The kids today, as far as talent-
wise, the MCs today have no com-
petition against Wu-Tang.
There's no MC you can pull up
right now that can handle Wu-
Tang Clan. Like, one paragraph
of a Wu-Tang song has more sub-
stance than a lot of these guys'
whole album.Finally, is RZA going Holly-
wood?(Laughs) Holly-hood, baby!
Holly-hood!

Jazz on the Avenue

Local R & B legend Lonnie Lester (left) serenades fans from
Chicago during Jazz on the Avenue. Lester began his career
in 1955 and is best known for his 1960s hit "Ain't That a
Shame." (Photo/J. Hurst)

HYPE

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"I like competing," said G-
Monne, a player on the 15-3 team.
"I like being the best at what I do,
I'm a competitor." 15-3 won a close
contest against the No Limit Ex-
clusive team, headed by James
Sims, owner of the No Limit Ex-
clusive spa and salon.There was also a slam dunk con-
test. One of No Limit's players,
Duck, won with high-flying jams
that nobody else in the contest was
able to keep up with.The final two teams were Under
Estimated and Westside, with
Westside coming out on top.The Hype magazine plans on
making this a yearly event to build
up positive activities for kids in the
neighborhood to participate in. For
more information on The Hype,
visit its Web site at
www.thyhypemagazine.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Kim Waters at Walker Theatre

Saxophonist Kim Waters will be at the
Madame CJ Walker Theatre on May 6. Waters
is considered to be one of the most robust and
soulful contemporary jazz musicians in the
industry. His latest CD, "In the Name of Love"
was released earlier this week. Doors to
Thursday's concert open at 6 p.m. and tickets
are still available. The Walker Theatre is
located at 617 Indiana Ave. For ticket prices,
call (317) 236-2099.

Nature's Palette exhibition

Mark Kelso will appear as the featured
artist at the fourth annual Nature's Palette, an
exhibition in oil and acrylics May 1-2 in Lilly
Lodge at Eagle Creek Park from 10 a.m. to 4
p.m. both days. Eagle Creek Park is located at
7840 W. 56th St.The show is free with regular park admis-
sion, \$4 per car.

Cinco de Mayo

The Indiana State Museum presents its
Cinco de Mayo Celebration from 5 to 8 p.m.
May 5. The event will close out the museum's
Chicano Now exhibits.Tickets are \$3.50 for non-member children
and \$5.50 for adults. Museum members get in
free. For more information call (317) 232-
1637.

Epilogue Players to reprise 'St. Susan'

The Epilogue Players will have a reprise of
the historical drama "St. Susan" weekends
starting May 7 through May 23 at 8 p.m. on
Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.The show represents the struggle of
pioneer women's rights advocate Susan B.
Anthony.Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for se-
niors. Reservations are recommended and
available at (317) 846-1581.

Incarcerated Suge Knight plans benefit album



Electronic Urban Report

He may be incarcerated, but apparently he's a big guy with a big ol' heart. We're talking about that lovable rascal, Marion "Suge" Knight.

All right, yeah we know, we're on the verge of going to far with the platitudes. But the bottom line is that Knight plans to produce a hip-hop album to benefit financially troubled families of soldiers in Iraq once he gets out of prison at the end of the month, he said in a statement last week.

"I'm not taking any kind of political stance on the war," Knight said. "However, with so many soldiers now in Iraq for more than a year, I'm concerned about the families they've left behind. So many of them are suffering, not only emotionally but also financially."

Knight will work with various artists and labels to craft a star filled compilation CD that will benefit the families of military personnel. And since it's for such a worthy cause, he's hoping and asking that fans not illegally download it.

"Earnings will go directly to these struggling wives and children," Knight stated. "Knowing this fact, fans will hopefully also avoid illegally downloading or

copying the disc, since those actions would essentially be stealing from the poor families that would benefit from the proceeds."

Plans call for the unnamed CD to be released in time for the Christmas shopping season.

Since July, Knight has been serving a 10-month sentence at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione, Calif., for violating parole after being arrested for punching a parking attendant at a Hollywood nightclub. It was Knight's second arrest for parole violations.

Lil' Kim goes on trial in November



Lil' Kim has often rhymed about being gangsta, well part of that equation is having to deal with the feds and that's exactly what she'll have to do come November 2004.

She is headed to trial on charges she lied to a grand jury during an investigation of a shootout that occurred in 2001 outside the New York City headquarters of radio station Hot 97.

Lil' Kim, 29, who pleaded innocent to perjury charges and was released on \$500,000 bail, did not speak at the recent pre-trial hearing.

U.S. District Judge Gerard Lynch said the trial would begin on Nov. 15 and would last until about Dec. 6.

Lil' Kim, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, was among four people, including one of her managers, named in an indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court.

Lil' Kim is charged with one count of conspiracy, three counts of perjury, three counts of making false statements and one count of obstruction. The obstruction count carries a maximum prison term of 10 years and all the other charges carry possible five-year terms.

The rapper is also requesting a separate trial because she did not carry a weapon like the other defendants.

Jay-Z shoe line to debut this summer

Jay-Z has really stepped into it this time. The rapper is preparing his new line of S. Carter shoes for Reebok. The sneaker producer is reportedly quite happy with the returns from Hova's first line in addition to kicks by 50 Cent.

Reportedly, the S. Carter shoe outsells any shoes by Nike or Adidas.

The S. Carter II, expected to retail at \$80-\$100, will hit the stores on June 11 and reportedly have a curvier look and new color schemes. Also, Jigga will release another shoe, a retro style, on July 4, which will be available in a red/white/blue color scheme and red/black/green.

Quincy Jones casts A-list performers

Music legend Quincy Jones will do what very few producers can do: assemble an A list of artists to perform together.

Almost 20 years after "We Are the World," Jones is launching another campaign to bring together the world's top artists, but this time it will be to help children in war-ravaged cities.

The historic event, titled "We Are the Future," will feature Oprah Winfrey, Muhammad Ali, Alicia Keys, LL Cool J, Andrea Bocelli, Cirque Du Soleil, Natalie Cole, Josh Groban, Herbie Hancock, Angelina Jolie, Youssou N'Dour, Lionel Richie, the cast of "Stomp," Ben Taylor, and Chris Tucker, among others.

The event is free, but 100 percent of the proceeds from the

concert's broadcast and related merchandise sales will benefit programs, like child centers in six cities.

The May 16 concert is expecting 1 million fans at Rome's Circus Maximus.

Organizers are also negotiating with a U.S. network and Arabic broadcaster Al-Jazeera for a worldwide telecast.

Eminem wins lawsuit

Eminem, who is no stranger to controversy or court cases, has won one of his own, but this time he's not the defendant.

The Grammy award winner, whose real name is Marshall Mathers, sued a British firm that used his trademark and hit songs on their Internet site. The cyber squatting case was ruled in his favor after the U.N.'s World Intellectual Property Organization discovered the firm was selling mobile phone ringtones and picture messages using Eminem's likeness and had even registered the site with eminemmobile.com a year ago.

Even though the site carried a disclaimer, which stated there was no affiliation with the rapper, a Canadian arbitrator still found that the domain name had been registered in bad faith. As a result, the domain name will automatically be transferred to Eminem within 10 days of the ruling.

Beyonce gets 'Pacific' for worthy cause

Beyonce joined crooner Harry Connick Jr. and actor/singer Nathan Lane to sing songs from the Broadway hit "South Pacific."

The performances took place at a fund raiser aboard the Queen Mary 2, the world's largest cruise ship.

The show will benefit NBC's "Today" show co-host Katie Couric's colorectal research organization.

The recent event expected to raise at least \$4 million. Other celebs in tow at the dinner and performance were Nicole Kidman, Antonia Banderas, Glenn Close, and Jon Bon Jovi.

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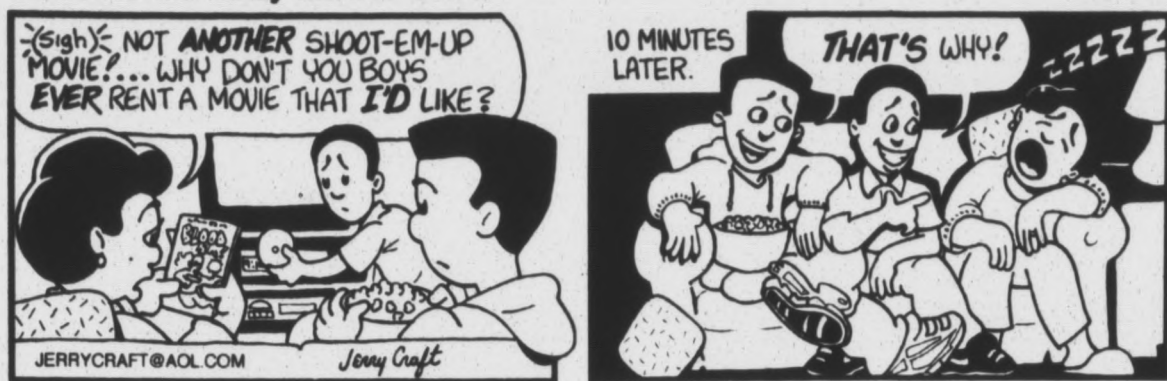


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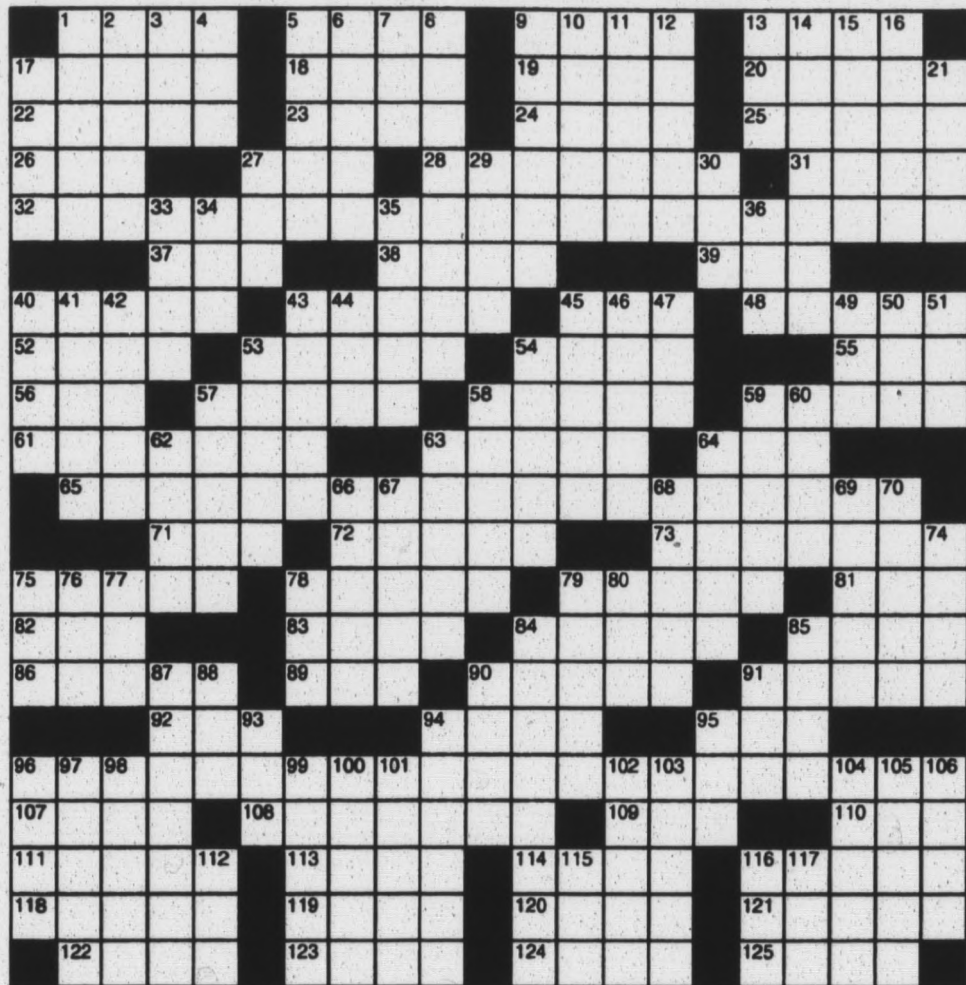


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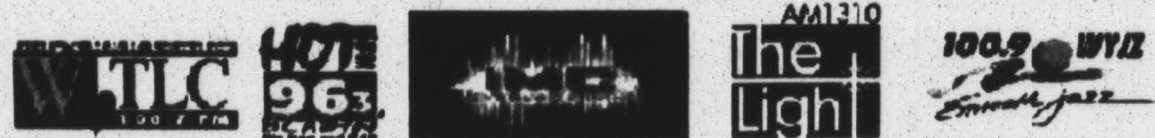
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108 Jeeves' master
109 Say please too often?
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34 Aerialist's fallback
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36 Spear-headed
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70 "— Gay"
74 Facilitate a felony
75 Fare for a fry
76 Hurry
77 Sprite
78 Mr. Lucky's card
79 Gounod opera
80 Drop a brick
84 Juvenal or
85 Certain
- shark
87 Stretchy
88 Gun the engine
90 Mirror image?
91 Crafty
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94 Hold out
95 Word with good or bad
96 Clears one's throat
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6:30am	Kingdom Builders						Home Shopper	6:30am
7:00am	Harding St. Ch.						Direct Shopping	7:00am
7:30am	St. Lukes Church						Shop Showcase	7:30am
8:00am	Mt. Zion						The Amos Brown Show	8:00am
8:30am	Prophet 3H						Brown Show	8:30am
9:00am	The Word & More						Living for the City	9:00am
9:30am	Rock Community						Am. Black Forum	9:30am
10:00am	Revival Temple	The Amos Brown Show	The Amos Brown Show	The Amos Brown Show	The Amos Brown Show	R.O.A.R. Recorder On Air Report	Indy's Music Channel	10:00am
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For more detailed program information contact Dan McNeal (317) 266-9600

Africa to America: Dispelling the Myths

From Africa to America: Dispelling the Myths and Bridging the Gap recently held another meeting at X-Pression Bookstore and Gallery. Individuals from various African nations were on hand to discuss issues between Africans and African Americans. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Carol Allender spoke on the importance of securing economic gain for future generations.



Rev. Reggie Jones spoke to the crowd about trying to tackle issues locally.



Coordinator of the event, Leroy Robinson formed groups to begin tackling ways to address education, economic and political issues between the two cultures.



X-Pression Bookstore & Gallery owner Donna Lucas-Stokes provided suggestions on how to effectively form groups.

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During the annual Earth Day celebration at the American Legion Mall downtown, Keyla Jones from the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful organization gives Dr. Kenneth Ackles information on maintaining a healthy environment.



Ray Akers, from Uncle Artie's Bar-B-Que, provided some of the food for the Earth Day celebration. (Photos/C. Guynn)

Celebrating 80 years



A'Lelia J. Osili (sitting) celebrates her 80th birthday with a masquerade ball at the Columbia Club. Over 100 friends and family came to Osili's party, including U.S. Rep. Julia Carson (D-Ind.). Osili received a proclamation from the office of Mayor Bart Peterson and a Sagamore of the Wabash Award from the office of Governor Joseph Kernan. (Photo/K. Madison)

Legacy House hosts annual R.O.C.C.-A-Thon



Legacy House staffers Leslie Boyd (left) and Linda Bryant (right) stand with State Rep. Greg Porter (D-Indianapolis) during the annual R.O.C.C.-A-Thon held last Thursday on Monument Circle.



Lt. Governor Kathy Davis speaks to the children in attendance during the opening ceremonies. State Representative Carolene Mays was also a featured speaker at the event which was designed to help rid crime in the city and to educate young people on the impact of violence.

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PARENTING TIPS
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Parents should let their children get dirty

(NAPSI) — With high-tech gadgets and video games monopolizing children's days, it may be time to reintroduce your children to the world's first toy: dirt.

Today's over-programmed children need outlets for creative expression, physical activity and stress relief.

Obesity has become the number one preventable cause of death and Americans spend more than 90 percent of their lives inside.

Ninety-three percent of moms know their children's motor skills improve when they play outdoors, yet 40 percent of school districts have eliminated recess.

"At an early age I was encouraged to play outside, have fun and not be afraid to get dirty," explained baseball great Cal Ripken Jr., who supports the newly launched America Needs Dirt initiative. "I believe that spirit of freedom and adventure helped me push myself to achieve more. I was not afraid to dive into home plate - literally and figuratively - in my adult life."

Encouraging even the youngest children to play, but more importantly, giving them the freedom to get really dirty, serves as an extra challenge for them to fully embrace the experience - and they carry that gusto to other facets of their life such as work and relationships.

"A stain-free life is a life half-lived," says Ripken. "Athletes come home from games dirty. It is the grass stains from going for a fly ball and the dirt from running around the bases that are proof-like a badge of honor - that you got out there, had fun and accomplished something."

Here are some tips from Ripken on how to help children develop active behaviors:

- Present choices. Let children choose or create their favorite outdoor activity. Not everyone is a star athlete, but they can all benefit from a friendly game of tag or setting up an obstacle course outside. Choices make playtime more palatable.

- Provide freedom. Allow "wild and free" activity in supervised places such as playgrounds and fields. Children can burn more calories and relieve more stress with this liberty.

- Create family fun. Let your children help you in the garden or take the whole family to the park on a weekend afternoon. Children love to get messy and by showing them dirt is good, they are free to fully embrace life's natural wonders and experiences, now and in the future.

For more information on the importance of playing hard and getting dirty - and for additional tips from Cal Ripken Jr. - visit www.AmericaNeedsDirt.com.



Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure



Members of the Alpha Mu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure breast cancer walk last Saturday. The Komen Foundation is a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs.



Mays Chemical Co. also sponsored a team that participated in the annual 5K walk.



Diane Newson, a breast cancer survivor, was the first African American to finish this year's race.



WTHR's anchor, Andrea Moorehead, talks to a cancer survivor.



Over 36,000 participants showed up for the 13th annual event. The \$1 million dollar goal set before the race was surpassed. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Wheeler Club Prom



The Wheeler Boys & Girls Club Advisory Board hosted a Second Chance Prom last weekend at the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown. All proceeds generated from the fund-raiser will benefit various programs and services at the club. During the event, Bill Turner, president of the board (far right) thanked all the sponsors of the prom, while board members Ericka Wheeler (left) and Shannon Williams presented them with trophies.



Ison Harris, director of the Wheeler Club poses with Linda Lungsford. Lungsford accepted an award on behalf of Managed Health Services.



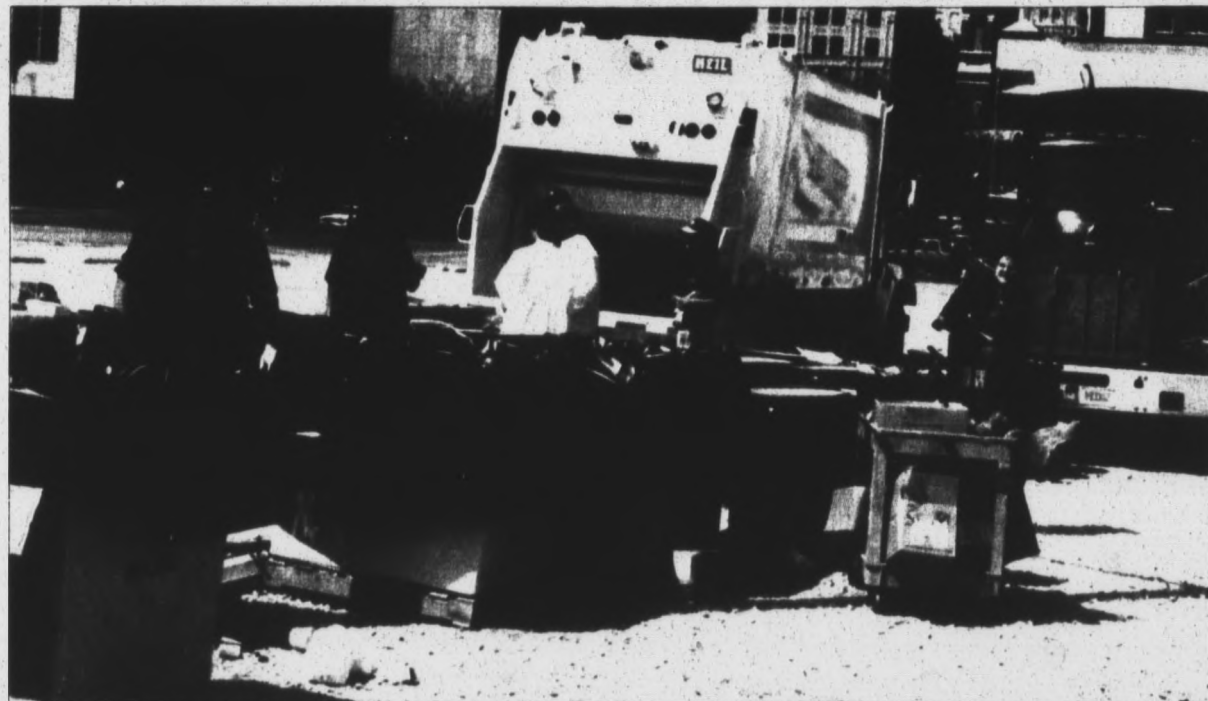
Arthur Carter Sr. was one of many participants who danced to the sounds of the Next Level band. (Photos/J. Ouattara)

National Council of Negro Women



Left to right: Mijiza Soyini, Rosalynn West, Valerie Hodgins, Ellen Holton, Zalika Lumumba, Hiwa Monatie-Davie and Sharrie Ouattara attend the National Council of Negro Women's Annual Newcomers Tea. (Photo/C. Guynn)

City sponsored Tox-Away Day



The City of Indianapolis sponsored Tox-Away Day where residents were able to safely get rid of household hazardous waste.



Charles Hill (left) and David Motley of the Solid Waste Department collected and disposed of the hazardous materials brought to the drop site. (Photos/C. Guynn)

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

Big money mistakes?

By **MICHAEL G. SHINN**
For The Recorder



We've all heard the litany of financial woes. "If I had sold my stocks in early 2000, I would be in good shape now!" "My credit card debt is killing me!" "I don't know how I am going to send my kids to college!" "I will probably have to work until I drop, because I just can't seem to save for retirement!"

Why do so many well-meaning people make big money mistakes?

A relatively new science provides some interesting insight into the issue. In their book, *Why Smart People Make Big Money Mistakes* Gary Belsky and Thomas Gilovich describe behavioral economics as combining "the twin disciplines of psychology and economics to explain why and how people make seemingly irrational or illogical decisions when they spend, invest, save, and borrow money."

The authors cite numerous psychological and economic research studies to support their case. After reading the book, I tend to agree with the authors' premise, however after working with real clients, I have found five common money mistakes that many people make.

Procrastination- The most common and biggest money mistake. It stops most people dead in their tracks, because they just don't do anything to achieve their financial goals.

We've all heard the sayings, "talk is cheap" and "time is money." Well, procrastination costs money and wastes valuable time that cannot be made up. Start right now to work on achieving your financial goals - tomorrow may be too late.

No goals- The next big money mistake is not having clearly defined family financial goals. Having clear goals guides the financial decision making process in both the short and long term. The first step is to sit down with your family and discuss your short, medium and long-term financial goals.

Write down your goals and review them at least quarterly. If you can think it, then you can ink it.

Financial literacy- Too many people lack a basic understanding of how the financial world works. This lack of understanding makes them either easy prey for financial schemes or extremely cautious, to the point that they don't do anything.

Most Americans will spend more time in a week watching television (20 hours) than they will spend in a year working on or educating themselves about their personal finances.

Go to the public library and read investment books, magazines and newspapers. Watch the daily financial news reports on television. Basic financial awareness will help you avoid this money mistake.

The Joneses - The media constantly bombards us with the message that "keeping up with the Joneses is American as apple pie." We are pressured to play a never-ending game of comparing ourselves with others who live the "good life."

If only we had a bigger house or a fancier car or whatever gadget that's in vogue, then we would be happy. Well, we must have the strength and courage to realize that, "our road to financial success is our own road." Set your course to financial success, work hard and quite frankly forget about what other people say or do.

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INDIANA LOTTERY

\$190 million in profit expected by close of fiscal year



By **ERICKA C. WHEELER**
Staff Writer

Hoosiers are spending their dollars taking a chance on becoming Indiana's next millionaire. Recently, the Indiana Lottery reported that profits are up and will have raised \$190 million in net profit transfers to the state by the end of the fiscal year in June 2004.

"This has been an exciting and significant year for the Hoosier Lottery," director Jack Ross said recently in a press release. "To consistently see double-

digit revenue and profit increases quarter after quarter is an indicator that our strategies are working and Hoosiers are enjoying our products. That means more money for police officers', firefighters' and teachers' pensions, more money for excise tax relief and more money for other worthwhile projects throughout Indiana."

But who reaps the benefits of these dollars paid for scratch off tickets, daily three numbers and the dollars spent on Powerball tickets?

The dollar is broken down into

five parts - 2 cents goes to the advertising expenses; another 2 cents is spent to pay salaries and other administrative expense for Indiana Lottery workers; 10 cents goes to the 4,200 retailers who carry Lottery products; 29 cents goes back to the state; and 57 cents is saved to pay out prizes.

Although 29 cents for the state does not sound like a lot, it is enough to pay for the police and fire pensions, the Build Indiana Fund, which helps to rebuild homes in Indiana, and Indiana

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ON THE BIZ SCENE



Julian D. Coleman Middle School 110 recently held a career day, where students were encouraged to make a stop in the school's gymnasium to talk with visiting adults about possible career options. During the event students (left to right) Terri Cummings, Arsenio Miller and LaShauna Clifton greet visitors.



James Boyd of the Indianapolis Urban League speaks with Coleman students about making career choices early in life.



Mashakili Jywanza of Bridges to Success speaks with Daquan Elliott during the event. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Starting an investment club to make your wealth grow

By **CAROLYN BROWN**
From *Africana.com*

With the news of \$230 million-plus lottery jackpots, many of us are still clinging to "a dollar and a dream" strategy for building wealth. But chances are you won't become a millionaire by winning the lottery.

One of the most shocking news stories of the '90s was about a group of Chicago housing project residents who spent \$70 million on lottery tickets in one year. Virtually all the residents were African Americans who had incomes of less than \$8,000 a year; more than 90 percent of them were unemployed. Of course, they weren't thinking about "building wealth" but about "hitting it big."

It's critical that we make every dollar we earn count, and to develop a systematic program for investing that secures your families' wealth for future generations. Think about it: Spending a dollar a day on a lottery ticket is \$30-\$31 a month, or \$365 a year. For many people, \$365 is a week's pay. Given the odds against winning, playing the lottery at that lowest level is like working one week for no pay.

Even if you buy a winning ticket, what good would it do if you wasted your money and spent your way back into the poorhouse? In spite of our \$631 billion Black buying power (or earned income), statistics also show that the faster we make money, the quicker it leaves our hands. With African Americans, a dollar circulates only once before leaving the community, compared to circulating at least eight times in white communities.

One way to build wealth collectively is to form or join an investment club. Starting an investment club is easier than its sounds and you don't need LeBron James' bankroll

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Black Business Profile

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Date opened:
Dec. 16, 2002

Owners
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CEO/president
Rondell Jackson,
CIO/vice president

Number of paid employees:
4

Product/services:

At Digital Sphere Inc., we provide we 24-hour assistance, free consultation and advertising support. Also offer a list of other services including, technical support, service warranties, computer construction, network implementation and administration, web development and administration, hard copy media development, soft copy media development, closed circuit TV implementation and administration, satellite TV implementation and administration, video conferencing implementation and administration and application/technical education classes.

These service levels have been carefully geared and tailored to offer digital solutions to people as well as small and large business. Each service level has a premium quality standard in which services are administered. In addition, services are rendered with the highest of expertise, expeditiousness and exclusivity.

Significant business advances/achievements:

Digital Sphere Inc. has developed advancements in the tech world and will be released later this year. Because of the nature of these achievements all I can say is keep your eye open.

Future goals:

Some future goals for Digital Sphere Inc. are to become a turnkey IT digital solutions company, a Fortune 500 company, a publicly traded company and a household name.

Why did you start the business and how has it grown?

I started Digital Sphere Inc. because I was tired of getting laid off and being paid under what I deserved. Since I have devoted all my time and energy, my company has grown in leaps and bounds. As some of my clients are DJ Wrekk 1 and JJ from WHHH-FM (96.3), Down Wit It Entertainment and many more.

What are some of the obstacles you faced and how did you overcome them?

One of the obstacles I have overcome would be my age as I am only 23, but being educated, having great parents and keeping God in my life has helped my clients and competition overlook that. Another obstacle is money. I can't say that I have overcome that one, but to offset any monetary complications all you have to do is budget well and remember not to financially over extend yourself. And that is the rule that I have stuck by so far.

Who does your business best serve and why?

Digital Sphere Inc. best serves anyone or business who has IT problems seeking IT solutions. Digital Sphere Inc. serves clients the best because we have a wide range of superior quality products and services for any IT problem.

How has your experience helped to meet the needs of your clients?

My experience as a consumer has aided me in the development of a sound and helpful guide to successfully assist clients in the fastest and easiest way. In doing so, I have implemented 24-hour live person assistance and a multitude of ways to contact Digital Sphere Inc. In addition, scholastic experience has been fundamental in starting my business and supporting my clients' needs.

Where did you get the name of your company and does it have any significant meaning?

I got the name because of two reasons, one, everything in this world is "digital" except TVs and telephones (which will all be digital by 2006) and two, the shape of our planet is a "sphere." Hence the name "Digital Sphere Inc."



Dimitri Snowden, part owner of Digital Sphere Inc., works on one of his many customers' Web sites. (Photos/J. Hurst)

If you would like to be featured in The Recorder's Black Business Profile, call 924-5143.

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Credit card debt—Credit card debt goes hand in hand with, "keeping up with the Joneses" creating a mammoth money mistake. Use this simple rule, "if you can't afford to pay for something within the next 30 days - don't use your credit card to buy it."

If you have current credit card debt, first don't add to it and then figure out a way to pay it off within the next 12 months. Don't let credit card debt prevent you from achieving financial success.

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Avoiding the big money mistakes, doesn't necessarily assure that you will achieve financial success. You may need the help of a financial advisor.

A competent advisor will analyze your current situation and help you to develop and implement a strategy to work toward your financial goals. It has been said that, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, that's why it's called the present."

Don't waste your present, start today.

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Kwame Jackson says he's successful navigating through the ranks of corporate America

By KENNETH MEES
From BlackEnterprise.com



Kwame Jackson

Kwame Jackson had one reason for leaving Goldman Sachs to pursue an apprenticeship under Donald Trump: "I have my whole life to be ordinary and only a few moments in my life to be extraordinary." During weeks of living in a fishbowl for the world to critique, Jackson, an investment manager and the only Black male on "The Apprentice" TV show, hurdled over obstacles that he hopes shows just how extraordinary a man he can be.

The critiques were cruel in some cases. In a weekly online commentary, BE Editor-in-Chief Alfred A. Edmond Jr. actually wrote that Jackson was giving the Harvard M.B.A. program a bad reputation. That, says Jackson, was a sting much harder to deal with than being the only African-American male on the show. In fact, Jackson says that being the only Black man on Donald Trump's reality show didn't present any challenges that he hasn't already had to deal with in life.

"This isn't my first time at

this," Jackson, 30, says. "I've always been that one Black kid ... I've gotten used to it. I've learned to wear the mask; I've learned to interact. I've learned to be myself, but, at the same time, I've learned how to move among the crowd. So for me, going on the show wasn't any different. It isn't like there were a billion African Americans running around at Goldman Sachs and on Wall Street. For me, being around an all-Caucasian cast was nothing new.

"I'm very much from the Huxtable background," says Jackson of his middle-class upbringing in Charlotte, N.C., by his stepfather, a doctor, and his mother, a

CPA. He says the bigger adjustment was for his white counterparts who had never met anyone like him.

Jackson was someone they couldn't pigeonhole as either the Black guy raised in isolation from the rest of the Black community - and, therefore, comfortable to be around - or the militant, threatening Black man who no one can get along with. His fellow would-be apprentices couldn't quite put him in a box because - yes - he is athletic, but he's also intelligent, funny, and has been around white people before.

"The cast had to spend time getting comfortable with me," Jackson explains. "I didn't have a lot of direct African American vs. majority issues, and if I did, they were things that I've dealt with so many times in my life that they were easy. Someone would say something like, 'Hey, we have to go Kwame, why are you brushing your hair?' You don't have to brush your hair."

Anytime this happened on the set, Kwame just moved on, never feeling compelled to be the lone Black "ambassador" who teaches white America about why we put

grease in our hair. Everything he needed to move ahead on the show, Jackson says, he learned in kindergarten.

"That's important for African-American professionals because we all have chips on our shoulders from the baggage of being an African American dealing with the corporate world," he asserts. "These are people who don't look like me, don't interact like me, they don't know anything about me or my history, and they don't value it."

Yet, despite it all, Jackson says it pays to get along with them, asserting that it doesn't mean he has to lose himself or compromise his values. "But if you hammer people over the head enough (with your Blackness), you're going to turn people off and people aren't going to want to work with you, and then they will be quick to label you. That's one of the biggest lessons; it pays to get along-to be a team player and build relationships without compromising yourself."

And while Kwame didn't win the chance to become Trump's apprentice, most would agree that his future is bright.

LOTTERY

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Technology Fund. The Lottery has earned the state \$2.4 billion since 1989 when it sold the first scratch off ticket.

"By statute, \$30 million goes to the teachers' retirement fund annually, \$30 million to the police and fire pension fund. Then the remainder of our revenue is merged with the riverboat (casino) revenue, and out of that merged fund is taken about \$240 million a year to reduce the excise tax which benefits most vehicle owners in lowering the cost of license plates, which is about \$20 million a month," said Ross. "The balance remaining from those funds historically has gone to the Build Indiana Fund around the state."

The Indiana Lottery is a not-for-profit state government agency, and the money it raises is used to generate funding for the many programs controlled and operated by the state.

"We are an entrepreneurial business established by the state and our mission is to generate capital for the state of Indiana; we operate just like any other business," said Andrew Reed, the director of public relations.

With a dollar spent to purchase a lottery ticket, 57 cents is used to pay out prizes to lucky winners around Indiana. The Powerball game is a multi-state game, which means that Indiana is not the only state playing at a chance to win those millions in cash dollars. In fact, 28 different jurisdictions,

including 26 states, are competing for the millions.

"That game (Powerball) is administered by a staff in Des Moines, Iowa. Those administrative costs are paid out of the funds that we generate and that is a very small portion of what is taken in the Powerball game. All sales then come back to Indiana we make the same amount of money that we make on a Hoosier Lotto sale as we would a Powerball sale," Ross said.

The Powerball game has gotten up to an estimated \$120 million. If a Hoosier happened to win that money, 3.4 percent will be withheld for state taxes and 25 percent will go the federal government.

"Winners will probably see

about half the winnings, and they will have the option to take the money all at once or in portions over the course of 25 years," said Reed. "We tend to find that our older winners take the lump sum and a younger winner takes the annuity, but it is totally up the individual. One thing is important and that is that we encourage all of our winners to speak with professionals about their winnings - that includes attorneys, bankers and others."

In its 15 years, the Indiana Lottery has generated billions of dollars for the state. Just last year, sales of all products totaled \$664.5 million, up from 2002 by \$38 million.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Indianapolis voted as best place to live

Indianapolis was named one of the 10 best places in America to live by Monster.com, a leading online global career network, as well as a top hiring management resource.

Monster.com referred to these cities as the "crème de la crème" and featured descriptions of each city in its relocation section of the Web site.

Monster.com described Indianapolis by saying: "The nation's 12th largest city has undergone a dramatic revitalization over the past decade, bolstering its strength in the manufacturing, distribution, retail and service sectors. The self-proclaimed 'Crossroads of America' was named the 'most affordable city over 1 million people' by the National Association of Homebuilders. Rich in arts and culture, Indy combines 'big city style and Hoosier hospitality.'"

Free resources provided by Myvesta

Whether you are wondering what factors go into your credit report or you want to know your rights during repossession, looking online for answers to your financial questions has gotten easier. Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization, recently made available its entire online library of self-help publications free of charge.

The more than 60 publications cover a wide variety of financial topics that can help people get out of debt, better manage their everyday finances or teach their children about money.

For more information or to view the library visit their Web site at www.myvesta.com.

Dollars help fund affordable housing

Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis has announced that the Indiana Housing Finance Authority has approved more than \$15 million for affordable rental housing.

If you would like to see a list of affordable housing that qualifies for the dollars visit IHFA's Web site at www.indianahousing.org.

Chrysler driving tour

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CLUB

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to do it. All you need is a few bucks - as little as \$20 - you can invest every month, the determination to follow the stock earnings of several companies, and a few like-minded friends who are willing to join in.

Also, you don't have to be a financial whiz. People from all walks of life run investment clubs, from high school students to Ph.D.s. While as an individual you may have only a small amount of money to invest, pooling your resources with others increases your buying power and ups the speed and size of the payoff.

Many of us are familiar with West Indian "susu." A group of 10 people, say, contributes \$100 every week and each person in turn gets the weekly pool of \$1,000. While this is helpful, it's more like a rent party than an investment club. An investment club is a legally structured entity that is a safer and more profitable way to make money as a group than a susu.

In fact, most clubs are formed as a partnership, with bylaws, a taxpayer ID number, officers (e.g., president, vice president, secretary and treasurer), formal monthly meetings and corporate bank and brokerage accounts.

Since starting an investment club is serious business, here are some things you need to know:

Choose the right people in your clique:

Clubs generally recruit 10 to 25 members. Most people who join are family members, friends, or co-workers. Chemistry is more important than

size though. Also, you want hard-working members. Trifling friends and family members will bring their bad habits to the group. So, those folks who are always borrowing money from you because they're short a couple dollars on the rent, are not the people you want to join.

Set short-term and long-term goals:

What do individual members plan to do with the money they earn? Are they planning for their kids' college education? Retirement? Setting goals is important because it will help members decide which stocks to buy and how long to stay invested as a group.

Assign members responsibilities:

Each person should be responsible for researching companies, learning everything they can and presenting their findings to the group. For example, significant news about that company or industry, most recent quarterly sales and earnings figures, and a recommendation as whether the group should buy that stock.

Adhere to six simple rules:

No two clubs are alike. However, successful ones follow the same basic principles: (1) invest regularly; (2) stay fully invested; (3) diversify investments across different industries; (4) reinvest all dividends and interest earned; (5) hold shares in at least a dozen different company stock; and (6) focus on companies with earnings and sales that are growing faster than the overall economy.

Carolyn M. Brown is a business finance writer and editor living in New Jersey. She authored *The Millionaires' Club* and *Nobody's Business But Your Own*.

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there's much you forgot.
My love and forgiveness can
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Edward D. Hernandez, III, who has been named the father of the child born to Charly L. Nowling, on May 10, 1997, is notified that a Petition for Adoption of the child was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The petition alleges that Edward D. Hernandez, III has abandoned and deserted the child.

The Petitioner has also filed his practice for summons along with supporting affidavit showing that diligent search has been made and that Edward D. Hernandez, III cannot be located.

If Edward D. Hernandez, III wishes to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-3-1-6.3 in the above named Court within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If Edward D. Hernandez, III does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named Court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest the adoption of the child. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under I.C. 31-8-6.1.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/30/04 2TP

ADOPTION

H16
Michael Langlos, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Matter of the Adoption of
Nicholas Dean Moore, Jr., adult
Matthew Damon Goodwin, minor
Michael Sinex
Petitioner,
-v-
Respondent
Damon Goodwin.
CAUSE NO.
49D08-0404-AD-417

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Damon Goodwin.**

In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

BOARD OF SCHOOLS

BS1-23
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Committee of the Board of School Commissioners on file in the Office of the Board, 120 East Walnut Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
RODNEY M. BLACK,
Business Manager 4/23/04 2T

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

T30
Kimberly Burke, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Kimberly Burke,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Anthony Burke,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D02-0404-DR-750

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Anthony Burke.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/30/04 3TP

M16
Joseph D. Robinson, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Joseph Daniel Robinson,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Renee Robinson,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D03-0312-DR-2235

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Renee Robinson, last known address: 629 Arthur Drive West Sacramento, CA 95605.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/23/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

M23
Tahane Woods-O'Neal, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Margaret K. Brown,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Michael W. Brown,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D07-0310-DR-1970

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **Michael W. Brown, 7711 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Kyle Denise Hagan.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/23/04 3TP

Q23
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Leroy D. Steed,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Yolanda E. Steed,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D05-0401-DR-22

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Yolanda E. Steed.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/23/04 3TP

L23
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Cheryl Kristine Swanson,
Plaintiff,
-v-
James Courtland Swanson,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D11-0403-DR-488

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Julie Oliver.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

H23
Swaray E. Cortez, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Hedy Tambadou,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Kyla Denise Hagan,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D05-0404-DR-710

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Kyla Denise Hagan.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/23/04 3TP

I16
Travis Lynn Crandal, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Travis Lynn Crandal,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Anne Casile Crandal,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D10-0312-DR-2149

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Anne Casile Crandal, 314 Iowa St., Indianapolis, IN 46225** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Yolanda E. Steed.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

L16
Patricia A. Jones, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Anthony Oliver,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Julie Oliver,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D07-0403-DR-588

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Julie Oliver.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

TT16
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Trina Bean,
Plaintiff,
-v-
John Bean,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D02-0404-DR-663

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **John W. Bean.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

R16
Enc J. Benner, Atty.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY
ROOM NO. 3

In Re The Marriage of
Douglas Fowler,
Husband
and
Pamela Fowler,
Wife.
CAUSE NO.
49D03-9407-DR-1209

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of February, 2004, Katie Lee Thomas, Administratrix of the Estate of Douglas Fowler, Husband, by counsel, filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County, a Petition to Remove Lien of Record against the above named wife, Pamela Fowler. The whereabouts of the wife, Pamela Fowler, is unknown to the heirs of the Estate of Douglas Fowler and Notice to this Wife, Pamela Fowler, is by and through this publication, and the Wife, Pamela Fowler, is ordered to appear at the hearing on the Petition to Remove Lien of Record in writing on or before the 10th day of May, 2004.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

R16
David G. Walton, Jr., Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Patricia A. Murray,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Ted E. Murray,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D12-0403-DR-661

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **NONE** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Ted Murray.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

J16
David G. Walton, Jr., Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re The Marriage of
Deborah A. Ledoux,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Yvon C. Ledoux,
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D01-0403-DR-621

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **NONE** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Yvon C. Ledoux.**

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

R16
Enc J. Benner, Atty.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY
ROOM NO. 3

In Re The Marriage of
Douglas Fowler,
Husband
and
Pamela Fowler,
Wife.
CAUSE NO.
49D03-9407-DR-1209

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of February, 2004, Katie Lee Thomas, Administratrix of the Estate of Douglas Fowler, Husband, by counsel, filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County, a Petition to Remove Lien of Record against the above named wife, Pamela Fowler. The whereabouts of the wife, Pamela Fowler, is unknown to the heirs of the Estate of Douglas Fowler and Notice to this Wife, Pamela Fowler, is by and through this publication, and the Wife, Pamela Fowler, is ordered to appear at the hearing on the Petition to Remove Lien of Record in writing on or before the 10th day of May, 2004.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk 4/16/04 3TP

Q16
William R. Fatout, Atty.
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF MARION COUNTY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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S for the construction of the **Sanitary Sewer Area #4**, located Ben Davis Conservancy District, will be received by Triad Associates, Inc., 5835 Lawton Loop East Dr. Indianapolis, Indiana 46220, at 12:00 p.m. (local time), and then at said office read aloud.

Bids may be examined at the following locations:

- Conservancy District, Indianapolis Indiana
- Indianapolis Indiana
- Indianapolis Indiana
- Indianapolis Indiana
- Indianapolis Indiana
- Indianapolis Indiana

Plans will be available on April 19, 2004. Copies of plans may be obtained at the office of the Trustee located at 5835 Lawton Loop East Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana. A nonrefundable payment of \$25.00 for each set of plans is required. The payment is non-refundable and will be applied toward the fee for the construction of the project. The payment is to be submitted with the proposal and the proposal to be submitted shall include proper sums for all general construction materials, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and all other items and required for the construction of the project. The payment is to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Plans" and "Conservancy District".

SEWER REHABILITATION SUB-AREA #4

ered unless submitted on the printed Proposal form. No bid may be withdrawn after the receipt of bids for at least 90 days to allow time for announcement of award of contract.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guaranty conforming to the following: Said bid guaranty shall be a certified check for five percent (5%) of the BID, or, a bond for five percent (5%) of the BID, or, a letter of credit from a bank as surety for the execution of the contract. The check should be made out to the OWNER. The bid should be in the bidding documents. Should any BID be awarded, the bidder shall be responsible for the cost of the check.

check or bond shall be forthwith returned to the bidder if any BID be accepted. Such certified check or bond shall be returned to the bidder upon the proper execution and securing of the contract. If the contract is not executed, the certified check or bond shall be returned to the bidder. If the contract is executed, the certified check or bond shall be returned to the bidder. If the contract is not executed, the certified check or bond shall be returned to the bidder. If the contract is executed, the certified check or bond shall be returned to the bidder.

such investigations as deemed necessary for the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall provide the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as may request. The Owner reserves the right to require investigation submitted by or investigation of such Bidder as the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to perform the work of the Agreement and to complete the work. The work is awarded will be required to furnish the work a performance, maintenance and payment bond equal to the bid price of the contract awarded to the Bidder. Certificates of all insurance required in the performance and liability insurance shall remain in effect until the completion of the work. The following completion and cancellation. The award of the contract is subject to all applicable local, state and federal agencies. Upon receipt of all

successful bidder shall receive a "Notice to Proceed" and the successful bidder shall begin construction within the time specified in the Notice of such notice, and shall complete the project in accordance with the project documents.

The Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project Site(s) and for becoming thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents prior to bidding. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the above shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation.

The Bidder's Bid will not be accepted. All applicable laws, rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction shall apply.

...tion of the project shall apply to the project. The project shall be made to the low, responsive, responsible contractor. Contractors are required to pay not less than the minimum wage established by the Indiana Department of Labor. All laborers and mechanics included in these specifications. Information regarding wage laws which apply to this work are also included in these specifications.

4. Opportunity requirements shall be equal to all bidders. The bid documents, and failure to satisfy same, shall be a forfeiture to the OWNER of the amount of money bid. The bidder shall check or bidder's bond.

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STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED PROPOSALS OR BIDS
FOR: **INSTANT POTABLE WATER
CHILLER**
INSTITUTION/AGENCY: **PEN
PRODUCTS/CORRECTIONAL
INDUSTRIAL FACILITY**
IN THE CITY OF: **PENDLETON**
REQUESTION: **515-4-432**

PURCHASING AGENT: Donna
Adrian Phone (317) 232-3035
 will be received in the Procurement
 Division Bid Room Department of
 Administration, Room W468,
 Indiana Government Center South,
 402 West Washington Street,
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, until
3:00 P.M. Legal Time on the 10th
day of May 2004, at which time all
 bids will be publicly
 opened and read. The State
 reserves the right to reject any
 and all bids.

Copies of the detailed instructions to bidders and plans and specifications may be obtained from the Procurement Division, Department of Administration, Room W468, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Rebecca Reddick
Procurement Director
Department of Administration

NOTE: State solicitation information

Information is now available on the Procurement Division's **Electronic Solicitation Postings (ESP)** on the INTERNET under the Indiana **Department of Administration (IDOA)** Homepage address: <http://www.in.gov/idoa/proc>

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The State of Indiana seeks responses to Request for Proposal RFP **4-69** from qualified respondents for **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for Evaluation**

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Media, Public Relations, and Advertising Service. Proposals will be received until **3 p.m. EST June 10, 2004**, at the IDOA office, Room W468 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 Washington St., Indianapolis, 46204. Specifications may be obtained by contacting **James Osborne, Purchasing Administrator** at the above address, (317) 232-3034, or by visiting the IDOA Procurement Division website at www.idoa.state.in.us.

Electronic Solicitation Postings (ESP) on the State of Indiana's website on the World Wide Web: <http://www.in.gov/does/proc>

L E G A L S ■ C L A S S I F I E D S

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
Sealed bids for the following project(s) on behalf of the Department of Public Works will be received by the Purchasing Division for the City of Indianapolis/Marion County in Suite 1522 City County Building up to 9:30 a.m. (local time) on or before **May 13, 2004**. Between 9:31 - 10:00 a.m., sealed bids will only be accepted in Room 260, with all bids being opened publicly immediately thereafter. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.**

ITB-5039 — **Proj. #RS-04-041 — Resurfacing with Related Items in Pike Township. This work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, resurfacing with related items, curbs, sidewalks, and ADA ramps and milling. Plan Charge \$55,000. Construction Estimate \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00.**
ITB-5040 — **Proj. #RS-04-042 — Resurfacing with Related Items in Wayne Township. This work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, resurfacing with related items, curbs, sidewalks, and ADA ramps and milling. Plan Charge \$55,000. Construction Estimate \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00.**
ITB-5039 — **Proj. #RS-04-047 — Resurfacing with Related Items in Washington Township. This work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, resurfacing with related items, curbs, sidewalks, and ADA ramps and milling. Plan Charge \$55,000. Construction Estimate \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00.**

A Pre-Bid Conference for discussion of the work, the bidding requirements, and other important matters for ITB-5039, ITB-5040, and ITB-5041 will be held on May 4, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. local time at the Hoosier Conference Room located at 604 N. Sherman Drive, Indianapolis, IN. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

ITB-5042 — **Proj. #RM-26-068 — De Quincy Street Pedestrian Bridge Over Pleasant Run. This work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, rehabilitation of existing steel beam pedestrian bridge and related items. Plan Charge \$50,000. Construction Estimate \$100,000.00 to \$300,000.00.**
A Pre Bid Conference for discussion of the work, the bidding requirements, and other important matters will be held on May 5, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. local time at the Meridian Conference Room located at 604 N. Sherman Drive, Indianapolis, IN. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

For accommodations needed by persons with disabilities to attend the public bid opening meeting, please call 327-4900 in advance. Bidders must obtain required bidding documents, plans/specifications from the Purchasing Division, Suite 1522, City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3313. The plan charge is non-refundable. Make check payable to the City of Indianapolis. Check, money order or cash accepted.

Documents may be shipped to a vendor, providing payment is included with request and the vendor provides an overnight shipping account number. The information should be on company letterhead, stating the contact person's name, shipping address, telephone and fax numbers. Failure to provide this information may delay shipping. We are unable to accept charge cards or check copies to expedite shipping. All bids must be per contract documents and accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond, A 100% Performance Bond, Payment Bond will also be required of the successful bidder. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTE: Please visit our web site for new bidding opportunities. Vendors may now subscribe service to receive email notifications of bidding opportunities. Planholder lists are also available on our web site and are updated every Monday and Wednesday. Vendors without access to the internet may fax their requests for the listing at 317-327-4493, but the listing will only be faxed on Monday or Wednesday, prior to 5:00 p.m. local time. All fax requests must include the ITB or ITM number, a brief description of the bid and the vendor's fax number. Purchasing's internet site is: indgov.org/purch/. Deborah L. Green, Administrator Purchasing Division (317) 327-4900

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SUMMONS

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Mary Elizabeth Pogue, Atty
ALIAS SUMMONS — SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT,
Thelma Q. Coleman,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Lafayette and Bessie Speights,
Defendant(s).

CAUSE NO.
49D10-0403-MI-634
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Complaint for Quiet Title and Appointment of Commissioner to Execute Deed.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are **NONE** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are **UNKNOWN**: **Lafayette and Bessie Speights.** In addition to the above named defendants being served by this Alias summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk
4/30/04 3TP

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COLTS

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and cornerbacks Jason David and Von Hutchins on Sunday. They took linebackers Gilbert Gardner and Kendyll Pope in hopes of replacing starter Marcus Washington, who left in free agency.

They picked blocking tight end Ben Hartsock to replace Joe Dean Davenport and Idaho tackle to replace utility man Adam Meadows. They even drafted Jim Sorgi to backup co-MVP Peyton Manning - the first time they'd chosen a quarterback since making Manning the first pick in the 1998 draft.

For the Colts it was easily the busiest weekend since re-signing Manning to a 7-year, \$98-million contract in early March.

Since then, they'd focused on re-signing their own free agents, while adding no significant players.

So when draft day arrived, Polian pounced.

He traded twice, gaining two extra picks, before choosing Sanders. It was the first time since 1991 the Colts did not make a

first-round selection in the draft.

Not picking until the 44th choice marked the longest wait the Colts experienced since 1988 when they took quarterback Chris Chandler in the third round with the 76th pick. They also wound up with nine choices, the most picks Indianapolis has had since the league went to a seven-round draft in 1994.

It was all by design.

"You never move down unless you know you're going to get a player you like," Polian said. "Otherwise, it doesn't make sense."

What the Colts liked about Sanders was his aggressive approach, his work ethic and 4.38 speed in the 40-yard dash. The combination, Dungy and Polian believe will make a difference.

But before making another pick, Polian opted for a third trade and grabbed another extra pick.

Then he took Hartsock and Gardner back-to-back early in the third round.

Hartsock tried to dispel any questions about the impact Sand-

ers could have.

"It was only one play," he said of the time Sanders knocked him out of a game last year. "But I know whenever I hear his name, I know that guy can bring it."

Sanders will move from strong safety, where he played with the Hawkeyes, to free safety, and his education won't start until this summer.

He's still recovering from a stress fracture that was diagnosed early last season. One of the Colts' team doctors has advised Sanders, who had a pin put in the foot, not to work out during this weekend's mini-camp or the team's summer school program that begins next month.

By choosing Sanders, Polian said, the Colts would also have more flexibility with the rest of their picks.

They opted for need.

Pope was the second linebacker Indianapolis took last weekend and fits the Dungy mold as another fast, small player. He's 6-foot-1 and 229 pounds.

Like Sanders, Pope struggled with injuries last year. Despite being slowed by a hamstring injury, he still had 56 tackles, three sacks and recovered one fumble and Dungy compared him with one of his former players, Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks.

"He really had an outstanding junior year and was being talked about like Derrick Brooks," Dungy said, referring to the Pro Bowler. "But he had some injuries his senior year. We think he can run and strike and be a turnover guy for us."

The Colts then took David, a 5-

8,175-pound cornerback who said he clocked a 4.34 during his pro day at Washington State.

"I'm going to come in and work hard," he said. "I think I can fit in anywhere."

Then the Colts tried to give their high-scoring offense some depth by taking Scott in the fifth round and Sorgi in the sixth. Sandwiched between the two picks was Hutchins, another 5-8, 175-pound ball-hawking cornerback.

The Colts used their seventh round pick on Penn State kicker David Kimball, a player Dungy envisions as a kickoff specialist.

Dungy said he was against the choice at first, but seemed pleased with the prospect after the draft ended.

"We kicked off more than any one last year, so if it works, it will be a big advantage for us," Dungy said.

Polian and Dungy just hope that last weekend's pick will make a difference for a team that finished one victory short of the Super Bowl last year.

"We hit a lot of glaring needs," Dungy said. "All I can say is we got a lot of guys we really wanted."

FEVER

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see this season is toughness. I want to see more players dominating on the boards, blocking shots, diving for balls and if you need to throw an elbow to prove your toughness, do it.

It's going to be hard to win against teams like Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles and Charlotte if the Fever does not toughen up.

I also want to see other player's step up. I said it last year and I'll say it again, Catchings can't do it all. The Fever has an abundance of talent and I never understood why other players

didn't take over games. There has to be another player to take the shot and grab the rebound.

Lastly, you can't expect to succeed in the playoffs if you can't win on the road. The Fever had a terrible time on the road last year winning just 5 of 12 games.

My plea to coach Winters is to play Brown and utilize Leigh Aziz. I was a big fan of former Fever coach Nell Fortner but I was always disappointed that Brown and Aziz didn't play more.

My plea to the players is step your game up. Every team has

their weaknesses but the best teams understand that in order to win your strengths must outweigh your weakness.

Too many times last season the weaknesses were on display and other teams took advantage.

My plea to the fans is simple, support the team. The franchise can't grow without fan support. The Fever is an all-star caliber team and Indiana has too many basketball-crazed fans sitting at home instead of cheering at Conseco. Remember, home game doesn't mean stay home.

PACERS

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Harrington was the other hero in the quarter scoring 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Bender said that their defense was the fire behind the offense.

"Once we shut them down on their end, then we aren't trading baskets and we can take over the game," he said.

The Pacers were way ahead in the fourth quarter by as many as 26 points, which allowed all-stars Jermaine O'Neal and Ron Artest to rest. O'Neal played just 28 minutes and added 14 points and 7 rebounds and Artest played 29 minutes scoring 15 points, six rebounds and five assists. The 108-85 win for the Pacers was the worst playoff loss for the Celtics.

"It's very embarrassing, but give (the Pacers) credit," said Celtics head coach John Carroll who was fired after the playoff sweep. "They just gave us an

old-fashioned butt-kicking."

The butt-kicking was even worse in game four as the Pacers ended their first round curse and swept the Celtics under the rug with a 90-75 win. Celtic pride left the building along with Bird.

Artest led the Pacers in scoring with 22, O'Neal added 18, Uncle Reggie added 14 and off the bench Harrington chipped in 13.

Miller called the sweep "a big step" for the Pacers and O'Neal said that he finally got the "small monkey" off his back. Carlisle was proud.

"Obviously, this was one of our goals: to get out of the first round and we did that," he said. "We were the first team to advance so we're very proud of that."

Miller added, "Obviously you never think you will sweep anyone. We had a lot of sleepless nights last year with these same Celtics. But like I said, this is a

different team, we are still focused."

The focus of the team begins with Miller, a 16-year veteran of the NBA. Next is the franchise player O'Neal who along with Artest was named as All-NBA selections; O'Neal is on the second team, while Artest is on the third team.

Artest is also a part of the package who after last season was the second runner-up for the Defensive Player of the Year won the honors this year along with leading the All-Defensive Team.

And of course you can't forget the bench who Harrington nicknamed "The Bench Mob." Without the depth of the Harrington, Bender, Fred Jones and others the Pacers may not be as successful.

The second round of the playoffs could begin as early as Monday, May 3 through Thursday, May 6.

Johnson celebrates Golden Glove win

Keon Johnson from Sarge Johnson's gym celebrates after defeating 1996 state champion Travis Loveless in the opening round of the Golden Gloves 165 pound open division at the Tyndall Armory. (Photo/J. Hurst)



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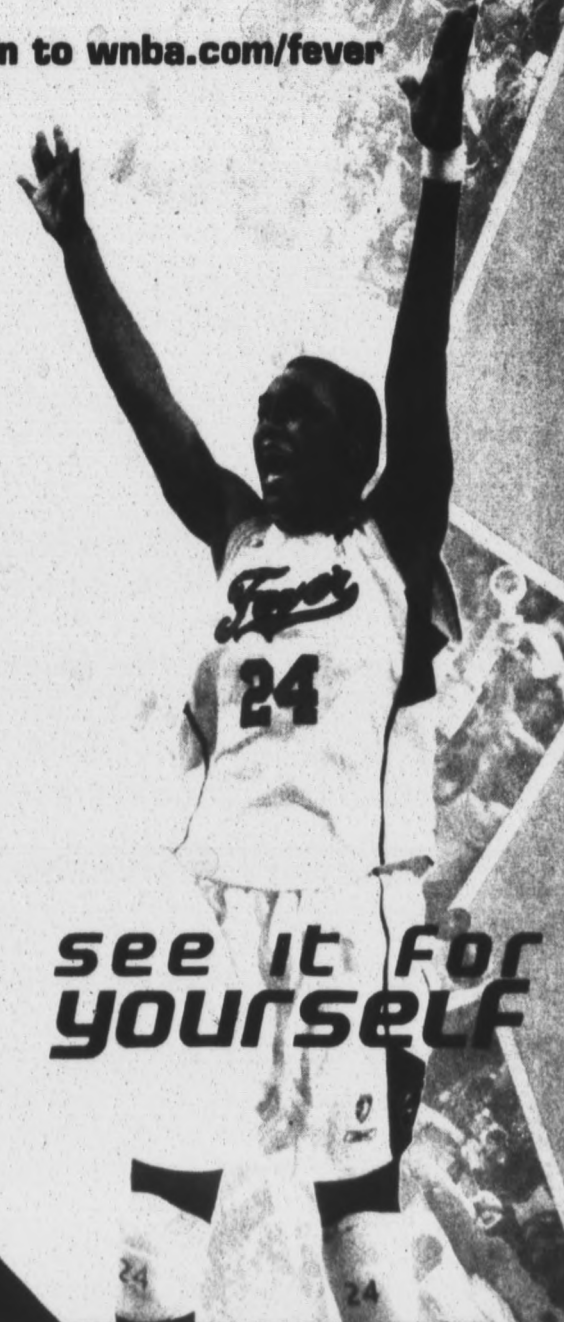
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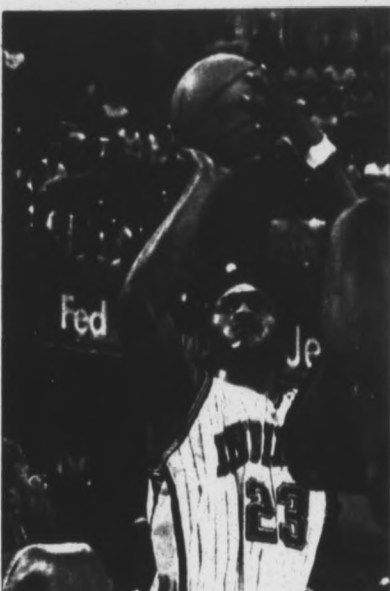
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Ron Artest, Defensive Player of the Year. (Photo/W. Thomas)

Double-digit victories help Pacers sweep Celtics

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

After three years of suffering first round playoff losses, the Pacers are on their way to the second round.

All of the players are pretty healthy, besides a bruise here and there and they have a week to get their bodies in gear to play either Miami or New Orleans.

Sweeping the Celtics four games to none was an easy task for the blue and gold, beating Boston an average of 17 points a game.

"I'd just like to say that we're very proud of our players," said Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle during a press conference at Boston's FleetCenter. "I thought our guys played hard, got better as we went along, showed a lot of dignity and a lot of poise. As a franchise we're very proud of that."

The final two games played were in Boston where Pacer President Larry Bird is a legend. He never attended an away game before flying to games two and three along with CEO Donnie Walsh and he said he hoped his presence wouldn't make his team nervous. It didn't.

Game three of the best of seven series was dominated by the bench, mainly Al Harrington and Jonathan Bender who each had 19 points. Harrington added nine boards and two steals while Bender added four rebounds and two blocked shots.

Bender scored eight points during a 19-2 run in the second quarter that helped the Pacers sit comfortably on a 48-28 lead with just under four minutes to play.

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COMMENTARY

Become a Fever Believer

Preseason begins
May 5, season
begins May 21

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

May is not only about mother's, the NBA playoffs or the Indy 500, it's also about the WNBA too, and in Indiana that means Fever basketball.

The girls are back for their fifth season along with new head coach Brian Winters and a slew of new players, including draft picks Ebony Hoffman and Ieva Kublina.

After a disappointing 16-16 season, the Fever is prepared to use it as a learning experience to help them come out on top this season and I predict that they will. I'm going to go out on a limb and say the Fever will not only make the playoffs this season but they'll also make it out of the first round too. Yes, I said it and it's in permanent ink.

I'm a Fever Believer and I challenge basketball fans in Indiana to join me in cheering on our team this season.

We have the best WNBA player in Tamika Catchings. We have some of the best shooters in Niele Ivey, Stephanie White, Coretta Brown and Kelly Miller. And with the addition of Hoffman and Kublina, Natalie Williams, Kelly Schamacher and Kristen Rasmussen will have a lot of help dominating in the post.

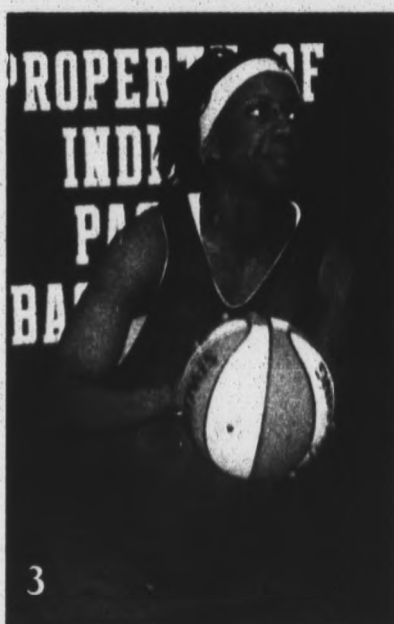
I was asked recently my opinion on what happened to the team last year. After beginning the season strong at home but sort of helpless on the road, the Fever seemed to be on their way to a second consecutive playoff berth. But then they lost six in a row and the dream got deferred.

I think they had a breakdown during the wrong part of the season and couldn't get out of it. Their confidence sort of wavered and they never quite gained control. Catchings and Williams were doing most of the work when every player was needed to win games.

But like I said, last year was last year and the Fever are beginning a new season on May 21 at Conesco Fieldhouse against New York.

The question now is what does the Fever need to do to have a winning season and become a threat to other teams.

The main change I want to



1. Fever coach Brian Winters and Tamika Catchings are looking ahead to a successful fifth season. Last season Catchings led the team in points, rebounds, steals and assists.

2. Natalie Williams a second-year forward for the Fever stretches before joining the team in a scrimmage during training camp, which began Sunday.

3. Coretta Brown practices free throws during the team's first day of practice. Last season Brown averaged 6.2 points as a rookie. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

OK, let's be real. We don't want to see the Spurs in the Finals this year. I don't care who they are playing.

I want to see an exciting match up in the Finals. I want there to be a game seven. I want to see game winning shots and overtime victories.

This is the first season in a long time the Larry O'Brien trophy is up for grabs; any team can win it.

But which two teams will excite basketball fans the most? Which two teams will most likely give us that game seven? Simply put, which two teams will make the Nielsen rating boxes explode? The Indiana Pacers and the Sacramento Kings.

Yeah, the Lakers are good, the Timberwolves are the best in the West, but the Kings and the Pacers are the truth.

Think about the match ups. Jermaine O'Neal and Chris Webber, Ron Artest and Doug Christie, and Reggie Miller and Peja Stojakovic - sounds good doesn't it?

The two games played during the regular season were won by the Kings but only by a margin of 2.5 points.

Jamaal Tinsley or Jeff Foster were in the starting lineup for the first game and Mike Bibby won the second game on a last second shot.

I think the Pacers and the Kings want the trophy and the ring the most. They battled for most of the season for bragging rights as the best team in the league and neither team has a championship banner.

Plus both teams have players who have spent a decade or more playing professional ball without winning a championship. Miller is a 16-year NBA vet without a ring. Vlade Divac has been in the league for 14 years, Christie for 11 years and Webber for 10, all three without rings.

Kenny "The Jet" Anderson said on TNT that the team eating soup with a fork is the team who wants the trophy the most. The teams eating soup with a spoon obviously don't want it as bad.

The Pacers and the Kings are both eating with forks and the hungrier the team; the better the battle will be for the crown.

By JOSHUA COHEN
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I've finally made it on the board with my call for LeBron James as Rookie of the Year. Sorry Ericka, but Carmelo just didn't cut it this year. And now on to this week's topic.

It's game seven of the NBA Finals. The Indiana Pacers are down by two points with 1.3 seconds on the clock. They only have time for one shot. Reggie Miller, slower but still crafty, breaks free from the Minnesota Timberwolves' Trenton Hassell, grabs the in-bound pass, and hits a three-pointer as the final buzzer sounds.

OK, quite dramatic and the chances of that scenario are slim, but I am looking forward to at least something similar. Of all the match-ups that could happen in this year's Finals, I would most like to see the Pacers take on the Wolves.

The main reason is, obviously, I want the Pacers to win. Especially since Uncle Reg still hasn't won the gold yet. I can't think of a single player in the NBA right now who deserves it more than he does.

Miller has gone up against the best in the game; Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Isiah Thomas and Shaquille O'Neal, but has never had the team to win it all.

The head-to-head competition would be great. Kevin Garnett, an All-NBA first teamer and almost shoe-in for MVP this year, will have to prove his worth against Jermaine O'Neal. O'Neal will want to show he deserved the award and Garnett will have to play hard to justify it.

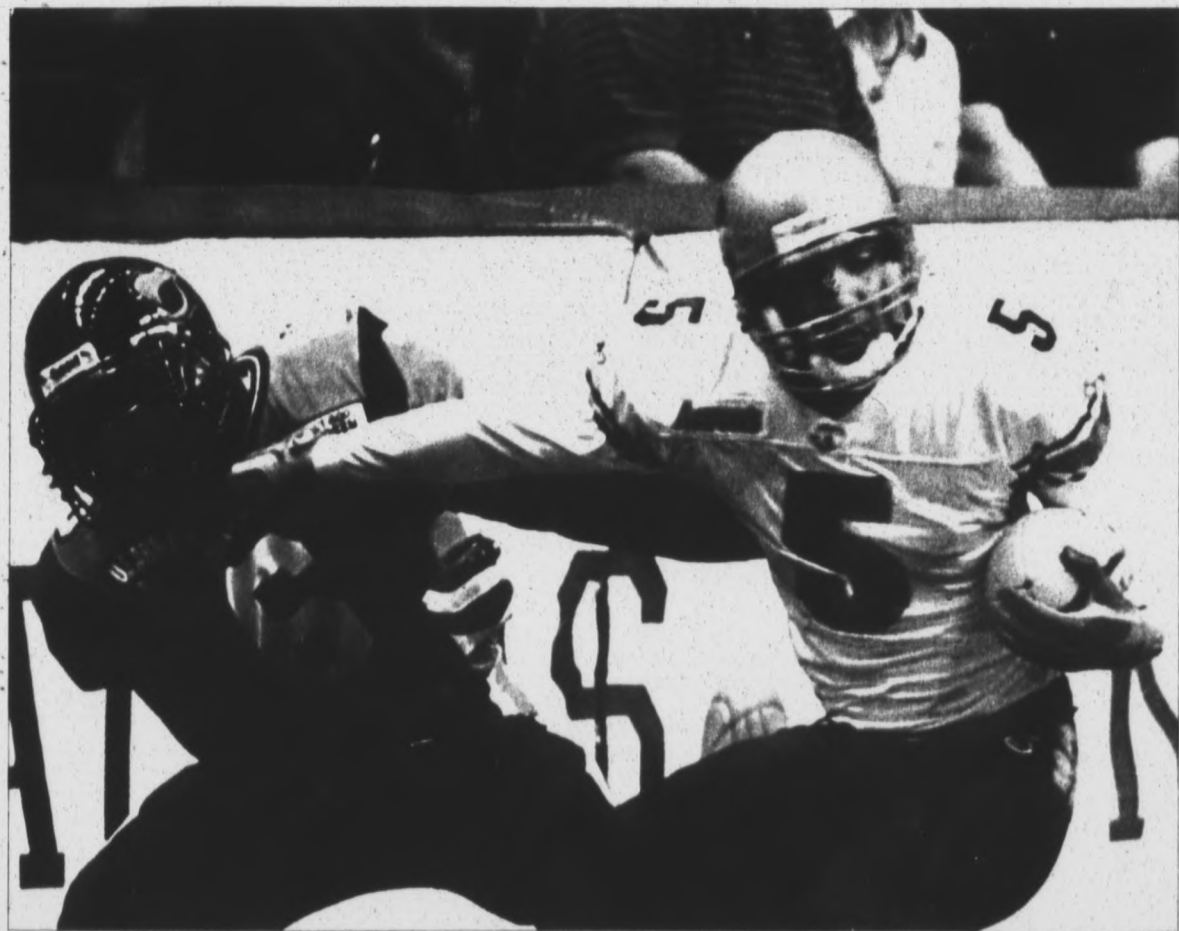
Of course, Defensive Player of the Year Ron Artest will be put up against the potent offense of Latrell Sprewell. The first time they met this season, Sprewell scored no points on 0-8 shooting. The second meeting was better for Sprewell who had 17.

The bench comparison isn't even close. With Wally Szczerbiak recently put on the IL and players such as Fred Hoiberg and Oliver Miller to back them up, the Wolves starters will have to play a lot of quality minutes to keep up with the fresh legs of Al Harrington, Jonathan Bender, Fred Jones and Austin Croshere.

Unfortunately, it's not very likely these two will see each other until next season. An all-Midwest Finals wouldn't quite bring in the ratings the NBA would like. But I'd watch every game so I'll be rooting for the two to meet at least four more times this year. Of course, Minnesota still needs to make it out of the first round.

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Birds take one on the chin



Arizona Rattlers offensive specialist Siaha Burley spent it to Indiana Firebirds defensive specialist Anthony Derricks in the Firebirds' 46-43 loss. The Birds are now 6-6 and can't afford to lose any more games if they want to keep their playoff hopes alive. (Photo/W. Thomas)

Colts add depth, speed as NFL draft wraps up

By MICHAEL MAROT
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The Indianapolis Colts think Bob Sanders can give them a new image on defense. He hopes to oblige.

In what proved a whirlwind weekend for the Colts, team President Bill Polian positioned the team midway in the second round of the NFL draft to get the player he thought would help Indianapolis most Iowa's big-hitting, relentless safety.

"Every day, I work 24 hours to get better and make the guys around me get better," Sanders said. "It's a great feeling to be with this team, but it's a team thing."

Colts coach Tony Dungy and Polian spent most of the weekend teaming to fill needs.

They added speed and depth in the secondary by taking Sanders in the second round

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